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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 A PORTION OF THE TRANSCRIPT FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 BOARD
2 MEETING IS NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH
3 THE AUDIO. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RECORD OF THE ACTION TAKEN
4 DURING THAT PERIOD:

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6 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN;

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8 INVOCATION LED BY REVEREND PAUL ELDER, ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL
9 CHURCH;

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11 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY CHARLES UTLEY, FORMER SERGEANT,
12 UNITED STATES ARMY;

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14 PRESENTATION TO THE INVOCATOR BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL;

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16 PRESENTATION TO THE PLEDGE VETERAN BY THE CHAIRMAN;

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18 CALLING OF THE AGENDA BY LORI GLASGOW, EXECUTIVE OFFICER -
19 (AUDIO RESUMED DURING THIS TIME).

20

21 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: YOU HEARD THE READING OF THE
22 ADDENDUM. AND SUPERVISOR HAHN MOVES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL SECONDS.
23 IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. MADAME
24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PROCEED.

25

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1 **LORI GLASGOW:** ON PAGE 19, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION. ITEM
2 32, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE
3 TITLE 5 PERSONNEL RELATING TO THE COUNTY'S TERMINATION, PAY
4 PICKUP PLAN BY AMENDING A SECTION TO ADD THE ADOPTION DATE FOR
5 THE PLAN WHICH WAS EFFECTIVE AS OF DECEMBER 3RD, 2004, AND
6 ALLOW FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE PLAN EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 14TH,
7 2017. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.
10 SUPERVISOR BARGER MOVES AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS SECONDS. IF THERE
11 ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **LORI GLASGOW:** ON ITEM 33, THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
14 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
15 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER
16 14TH.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

19

20 **LORI GLASGOW:** ON PAGE 23, THIS IS ITEMS CONTINUED FROM
21 PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE
22 BOARD. ON ITEM A.7, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
23 BE HELD. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
25 NO. 1. AND PRESENTATIONS BEGIN WITH THE CHAIRMAN.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANKS VERY MUCH. LADIES
3 AND GENTLEMEN, COLLEAGUES, WE'RE DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE HERE
4 THIS MORNING. AND WE ARE PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THE RECIPIENTS OF
5 THE 2017 CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, ALSO KNOWN
6 AS C.S.A.C. AND I'M JOINED THIS MORNING BY GRAHAM KNAUS,
7 C.S.A.C. DEPUTY OF OPERATIONS AND MEMBER SERVICES, WHO WOULD
8 LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS BEFORE WE PRESENT THE 2017 CHALLENGE
9 AWARDS. PLEASE WELCOME GRAHAM KNAUS, WHO IS HERE WITH US
10 TODAY. GRAHAM, COME FORWARD. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **GRAHAM KNAUS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WELL, GOOD MORNING. AS THE
13 CHAIRMAN SAID, I'M GRAHAM KNAUS. I'M THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
14 C.S.A.C., WHICH HAS THE GREAT HONOR OF REPRESENTING ALL OF
15 CALIFORNIA'S 58 COUNTIES, AND REALLY THRILLED TO BE HERE WITH
16 YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND THE BOARD HERE TO REALLY GIVE SOME TIME
17 TO TALK ABOUT AND THINK ABOUT OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE,
18 BECAUSE THAT'S REALLY WHAT IS CORE TO OUR MISSION. WE WEAR A
19 NUMBER OF DIFFERENT HATS AT C.S.A.C.. WE ARE OFTEN ADVOCATING
20 ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND OTHER COUNTIES ON
21 SIGNIFICANT POLICY ISSUES IN SACRAMENTO, CERTAINLY DID THIS
22 YEAR ON THREE CRITICAL ISSUES RELATED TO IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE
23 SERVICES, CERTAINLY TRANSPORTATION AND HAVING A FUNDING
24 PACKAGE PUT IN PLACE, AND ALSO RELATED TO ENSURING THAT YOU
25 HAVE LOCAL FLEXIBILITY IN TOOLS TO ENSURE THAT YOU CAN CONNECT

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1 AND PARTNER WITH YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. BUT WE
2 ALSO LOOK FOR INNOVATION. AND WE LOOK FOR INNOVATION ALL
3 ACROSS THE SERVICE SPECTRUM. COUNTIES CERTAINLY HAVE A VERY
4 BROAD SET OF RESPONSIBILITIES, SOME OF WHICH ARE DRIVEN
5 LOCALLY BY THE COMMUNITY AND SOME OF WHICH COME FROM
6 WASHINGTON AND SACRAMENTO. AND SO OUR EFFORT EACH YEAR IS TO
7 IDENTIFY THOSE PROGRAMS THAT ARE MOST INNOVATIVE AND TO HONOR
8 THEM WITH OUR C.S.A.C. CHALLENGE AWARD AND TO ALSO LOOK FOR
9 ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS THAT SERVE THE COMMUNITIES WELL WITH A
10 MERIT AWARD. AND SO IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO COME DOWN HERE
11 AND JOIN YOU ALL TODAY AND REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO
12 PRESENTING THESE AWARDS AND HONORING THE GREAT INNOVATION
13 THAT'S OCCURRING RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE CHALLENGE
16 AWARDS COMPETITION HONORS INNOVATIONS BY RECOGNIZING COUNTY
17 PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE STATE THAT MODERNIZE AND
18 STREAMLINE GOVERNMENT AND INCREASE SERVICES TO OUR RESPECTIVE
19 CONSTITUENTS AND RESIDENTS. AS A BOARD, WE'RE GENUINELY
20 PLEASED WITH THE HIGH CALIBER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROGRAMS
21 AND PROJECTS RECOGNIZED FOR 2017. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE
22 PROUD RECIPIENT OF THREE CHALLENGE AWARDS AND TWO MERIT
23 AWARDS. AND I THINK THAT DESERVES A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. WE
24 ARE DOING WHAT WE NEED TO DO. [APPLAUSE.] MAY I SAY THAT THESE
25 HIGHLY MERITORIOUS PROGRAMS AFFORD US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

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1 VALUABLE INFORMATION AND BEST PRACTICES WITH OTHER COUNTIES
2 THROUGHOUT THE STATE. AND SO WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THESE AWARD
3 RECIPIENTS. WE BEGIN WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC
4 LIBRARY AND WANT THEM TO COME FORWARD. THE LIBRARY'S IN THE
5 HOUSE, PLEASE COME FORWARD. THE LIBRARY RECEIVED A MERIT AWARD
6 FOR THE PROGRAM LIBRARY OFFERS LIFE SKILLS, TRAININGS FOR
7 TEENS. REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT, OUR DIRECTOR SKYE PATRICK
8 AND PROJECT MANAGER DEBBIE ANDERSON. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF
9 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** REGIONAL PLANNING, ACCEPTING THE
12 MERIT AWARD FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, OUR
13 ACTING DIRECTOR, DENNIS SLAVIN, AND PROJECT MANAGER EDWARD
14 ROJAS FOR THE BUYER BEWARE EDUCATION PROGRAM. A ROUND OF
15 APPLAUSE FOR REGIONAL PLANNING. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
18 FAMILY SERVICES. REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
19 FAMILY SERVICES, OUR ACTING DIRECTOR, BRANDON NICHOLS, AND
20 PROJECT MANAGER JOHANUS STURM AND ARMEN DIPANIAN. GIVE THEM A
21 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THEY EARNED A CHALLENGE AWARD FOR
22 INNOVATION OF STUDENT INFORMATION TRACKING SYSTEM. ALL RIGHT.
23 COME ON IN HERE. JUST SAY A FEW WORDS. THE D.C.F.S. AWARD IS A
24 WEB-BASED SYSTEM, AUTOMATED, AND THE RETRIEVAL PROCESS OR THE
25 ACADEMIC INFORMATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH. AND THE PROGRAM WAS

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1 DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED BY D.C.F.S. STAFF AND GREATLY
2 EXPEDITED THE RETRIEVAL PROCESS, YIELDING THE DEPARTMENT AN
3 ANNUAL TIME SAVINGS OF OVER 32,000 HOURS IN PRODUCTIVITY. ONCE
4 FULLY IMPLEMENTED ACROSS ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, THIS PROGRAM IS
5 ANTICIPATED TO GENERATE AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL SOFT SAVINGS OF
6 \$2.2 MILLION. AND THIS SYSTEM SERVES AS A TOOL FOR IMPROVING
7 THE ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN UNDER THE
8 JURISDICTION AND CARE OF THE COUNTY. I'M GOING TO ASK BRANDON
9 IF HE WOULD JUST GIVE US A FEW BRIEF REMARKS. BRANDON?

10

11 **BRANDON NICHOLS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU, BOARD. I'M
12 SO PROUD TO BE HERE TO ACCEPT THIS AWARD ON BEHALF OF THE
13 COUNTY AND OUR DEPARTMENT. NOT ONLY DOES IT SAVE OUR STAFF
14 TIME, IT SAVES EDUCATORS TIME. MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT SERVES AS
15 A BRIDGE BETWEEN TWO WORLDS. IT SERVES AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE
16 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, BECAUSE ONLY
17 WHEN WE JOINTLY OWN THE OUTCOMES OF OUR KIDS WILL THEY THRIVE.
18 AND SO TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR BEING ABLE TO BUILD THAT BRIDGE IS
19 AN HONOR, AND I'M GLAD TO BE HER AND LOOK FORWARD TO COMING
20 BACK NEXT YEAR FOR OUR NEXT AWARD. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** OBVIOUSLY, BRANDON HAS PLANS. ALL
23 RIGHT. SO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND ACTING
24 DIRECTOR IS MONIQUE KING-VIEHLAND. AND SHE'S HERE TO MAKE HER
25 PRESENTATION. THE CENTER IS A MODEL OF URBAN AGRICULTURAL AND

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1 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND NATURAL RESOURCE
2 CONSERVATION. SHE'S HERE WITH PROJECT MANAGER HOLLY CARPENTER.
3 THEY'RE REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT WITH A CHALLENGE AWARD FOR
4 THE PROGRAM GROWING EXPERIENCE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER.
5 IT PROVIDES AFFORDABLE FOOD ACCESS, SKILLS TRAINING AND
6 EDUCATION TO UNDERSERVED COUNTY RESIDENTS. THE PROGRAM HAS
7 TRANSFORMED UNDERUTILIZED, VACANT, BLIGHTED LAND TO A THRIVING
8 FACILITY LOCATED IN CARMELITOS PUBLIC HOUSING COMMUNITY IN
9 THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. LONG BEACH IN THE HOUSE, JANICE HAHN.
10 AND SO THE CENTER PROVIDES LARGE AMOUNTS OF FRESH PRODUCE,
11 THEREBY INCREASING THE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD, DIVERSE KINDS
12 OF FOODS, AWAY FROM LANDFILLS, CONSERVES RESOURCES VIA SMART
13 LANDSCAPING AND SOLAR ENERGY, AND HAS ENGAGED IN UNDERSERVED
14 YOUNG PEOPLE LEARNING TO VALUE THE TECHNICAL AND LIFE SKILLS
15 AND PROVIDE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE INSIGHTS
16 ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY. AND SO WE'RE GOING TO ASK THE
17 DIRECTOR IF SHE WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO SHARE A FEW REMARKS.
18 MS. KING-VIEHLAND?

19

20 **MONIQUE KING-VIEHLAND:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF
21 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
22 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE ARE HONORED TO BE HERE THIS MORNING.
23 THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO C.S.A.C. FOR THIS
24 HONOR. WE BELIEVE THAT THE GROWING EXPERIENCE FILLS A GREAT
25 NEED IN THE COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF PROVIDING ACCESS TO HEALTHY,

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1 FRESH FOOD OPTIONS. IT'S ALSO INNOVATIVE IN TERMS OF HOW IT
2 LEVERAGES TECHNOLOGY, LIKE HYDROPONICS, TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT.
3 AND IT'S EDUCATIONAL IN THAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON EDUCATING THE
4 POPULATION AROUND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND AROUND
5 HEALTHY CHOICES. SO, WE LOVE THE PROGRAM. WE THINK IT'S A
6 GREAT FIT FOR THE CARMELITOS COMMUNITY AND THE LARGER
7 COMMUNITY. AND WE ARE HAPPY TO BE HERE. THANKS TO THE STAFF
8 WHO ACTUALLY DOES THE WORK ON THE GROUND AND PROVIDES THAT
9 SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. AND THANK YOU FOR THIS RECOGNITION
10 AND HONOR. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AND THEN, THERE'S REGIONAL
13 PLANNING. LET'S COMMEND THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
14 FOR RECEIVING A CHALLENGE AWARD FOR THE LOST IN TRANSLATION TO
15 BEYOND SPANGLISH, THE SPANISH PLANNING GLOSSARY PROGRAM. GIVE
16 THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THE ACTING DIRECTOR AND THE PROJECT
19 MANAGER ARE BOTH HERE, AND THE PROGRAM IS KNOWN AS THE
20 PLANNING GLOSSARY. AND IT'S USED CONSISTENTLY IN ALL ASPECTS
21 OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PLANNING OPERATION. THE PLANNING GLOSSARY
22 HAS FACILITATED THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO MOVE FORWARD IN A
23 STRATEGIC MANNER BY PROVIDING CULTURALLY SENSITIVE, ACCURATE
24 AND CONSISTENT ORAL INTERPRETATION AND INTERPRETIVE SERVICES
25 FOR UTILIZATION IN LAND USE PLANNING. THIS IS HUGE IMPORTANT

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1 AND SPEAKS TO THE CULTURAL COMPETENCY AGENDA OF THE COUNTY OF
2 LOS ANGELES, WHICH HAS LINGUISTIC IMPLICATIONS, AND WE SHOULD
3 BE VERY, VERY PROUD OF THIS. THE PLANNING GLOSSARY HAS
4 ESTABLISHED AN INCLUSIVE SYSTEM THAT BENEFITS THE SPANISH-
5 SPEAKING CONSTITUENTS DURING WALK-IN CONSULTATIONS AT
6 COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND PUBLIC MEETINGS. AND I THINK IT'S
7 IMPORTANT THAT WE GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THIS. AND I'M
8 GOING TO ASK DENNIS IF HE WOULD COME FORWARD AND SHARE A FEW
9 REMARKS ON THIS PARTICULAR SUBJECT. AND EN ESPANOL SOLAMENTE,
10 POR FAVOR.

11

12 **DENNIS SLAVIN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND THANK YOU TO
13 C.S.A.C. AND TO THE BOARD FOR THIS RECOGNITION, PARTICULARLY
14 TO C.S.A.C. FOR NOT ONE BUT TWO AWARDS TODAY. SO, WE'RE VERY
15 HONORED TO BE HERE, AND THANK YOU FOR THAT RECOGNITION. IN
16 TODAY'S MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY, A CLEAR AND CONCISE MESSAGE IS
17 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, NONE MORE SO THAN IN THE FIELD OF
18 PLANNING, WHERE WE HAVE VIRTUALLY AN ENTIRE DICTIONARY
19 DEDICATED TO PLANNING LEXICON OR LANGUAGE THAT NEEDS TO BE
20 EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATED. AND THAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THIS
21 ENDEAVOR. AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU TO C.S.A.C. FOR RECOGNIZING
22 THAT, AND APPRECIATE THE HONOR.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. AND THE
25 PROJECT MANAGER IS CARMEN GOMEZ. GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE,

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1 WON'T YOU? SO IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD
2 OF SUPERVISORS THAT I WANT TO THANK AND OFFER OUR APPRECIATION
3 TO C.S.A.C. AND ITS LEADERSHIP AND ALL OF THOSE WHO ARE
4 ESTABLISHING UNIQUE AWARDS AND PROGRAMS WHICH RECOGNIZE COUNTY
5 PROGRAMS AT THEIR BEST. SO LET'S GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE
6 TO ALL OF OUR 27 C.S.A.C. AWARDS. AND I WANT TO ASK THE FULL
7 BOARD TO COME AND JOIN ME AND TAKE A GROUP PHOTO. WOULD YOU
8 PLEASE? WOULD YOU PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AND TAKE THE PHOTOS
9 WITH THE INNOVATORS? ALL RIGHT, LET'S GIVE THEM ANOTHER BIG
10 ROUND OF APPLAUSE TODAY. THIS TIME THEY DID WELL ON BEHALF OF
11 THE COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.] THAT CONCLUDES THE CHAIRMAN'S
12 PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I BELIEVE THE FLOOR IS NOW
13 YOURS. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GOOD MORNING. THIS MIC'S WORKING, GREAT.
16 THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND STAFF AND BOARD OFFICES AND BOARD
17 MEMBERS. THIS MORNING I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF INTRODUCING, I
18 THINK, ONE OF OUR MOST OUTSTANDING YOUTH GROUPS AND INSTITUTE
19 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SERVING RESIDENTS IN OUR DISTRICTS
20 BUT ALSO HELPING TO SHINE A BEACON OF HOPE HERE IN L.A.
21 COUNTY. AND TODAY I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF HONORING THE YOUTH
22 POLICY INSTITUTE. WE HAVE DIXON SLINGERLAND, THEIR DIRECTOR,
23 IRIS ZUNIGA AND MEMBERS OF Y.P.I. WHO WILL BE HERE AT THE DIAS
24 WITH ME. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE NOT AWARE, THE YOUTH POLICY
25 INSTITUTE HAS WORKED IN LOS ANGELES FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS

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1 BRINGING HOLISTIC CRADLE-TO-COLLEGE AND CAREER SERVICES TO LOS
2 ANGELES'S MOST VULNERABLE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES. MY OFFICE HAS
3 PARTNERED WITH Y.P.I. ON MANY DYNAMIC INITIATIVES, INCLUDING
4 THE PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD AND PROMISE ZONE, BOTH OF WHICH ARE
5 PLACE-BASED INITIATIVES THAT AIM TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY,
6 INCREASE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND
7 PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IN THE LAST YEAR ALONG, Y.P.I.
8 SUPPORTED OVER 21,000 STUDENTS WITH AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING
9 AND THEY PROVIDED OVER 193,000 HOURS OF ACADEMIC TUTORING AND
10 EQUIPPED WELL OVER 1,200 ADULTS WITH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
11 TRAINING. ALL LAUDABLE GOALS. EVEN MORE IMPRESSIVE, THE 18
12 SCHOOLS IN THE LOS ANGELES PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD HAVE IMPROVED
13 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS PROFICIENCY BY 8 PERCENTAGE POINTS OVER
14 THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHED FOUR
15 WHITE HOUSE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION INITIATIVES DURING ITS
16 TIME, INCLUDING A NEW PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT IS ROLLING OUT
17 IN MY DISTRICT FOCUSED ON PICO-UNION. THESE RESULTS, ALONG
18 WITH THE SUCCESS STORIES WE HEAR FROM Y.P.I. PARTNERS AND
19 PARTICIPANTS, SHOW US THE PROGRESS WE CAN MAKE WHEN WE WORK
20 TOGETHER ON COMMON OUTCOMES. THANK YOU, Y.P.I., FOR
21 CHAMPIONING THE COLLECTIVE IMPACT APPROACH FOR LASTING CHANGE
22 HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND FOR BEING THAT BEACON OF HOPE. WITH
23 THAT, I'D LIKE TO ASK MY FRIEND DIXON SINGERLAND TO SAY A FEW
24 WORDS.

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1 **DIXON SINGERLAND:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR THIS
2 WONDERFUL RECOGNITION AND TO THE BOARD AS A WHOLE. I'M
3 PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO BE JOINED HERE BY MY COLLEAGUES FROM
4 Y.P.I., WHO REPRESENT THE MORE THAN 1,500 Y.P.I. STAFF WORKING
5 OUT IN THE COMMUNITY EVERY DAY TO DELIVER SERVICES TO PARTS OF
6 LOS ANGELES MOST IMPACTED BY POVERTY. WE BELIEVE IN A CROSS-
7 SECTOR APPROACH, SO WE'RE ONE NONPROFIT WHO WORKS WITH 75
8 OTHER NONPROFITS IN OUR PROMISE ZONE, WHO PARTNERS WITH OUR
9 CITY AND THE COUNTY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SO THAT WE CAN GET
10 THIS WORK DONE RIGHT. WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING ON THURSDAY A NEW
11 FEDERAL INITIATIVE WITH MAYOR GARCETTI THAT'S BRINGING IN \$11
12 MILLION TO SUPPORT 2,000 KIDS AS THEY TRANSITION FROM MIDDLE
13 SCHOOL ALL THE WAY THROUGH THEIR FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE. SO
14 IT'S THESE LONG-TERM STRATEGIES THAT WE THINK ARE CRITICAL TO
15 THE WORK, A PLACE-BASED COLLECTIVE-IMPACT APPROACH, AND WE'RE
16 JUST SO HONORED TO BE HERE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR HAHN, THE
19 FLOOR IS YOURS.

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21 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M VERY PLEASED TO
22 BE AWARDING THE 2017 VETERAN OF THE YEAR AWARD TO GEORGE
23 CIAMPA, DID I SAY THAT RIGHT? GEORGE CIAMPA, U.S. ARMY WORLD
24 WAR II VETERAN AND THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT OF THE VETERAN OF THE
25 YEAR AWARD. AT THE AGE OF 18, GEORGE WAS DRAFTED FOR THE U.S.

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1 ARMY AND SPENT THE MAJORITY OF HIS TIME IN FRANCE. AFTER
2 LEAVING THE ARMY IN 1946, GEORGE RETURNED TO FRANCE NUMEROUS
3 TIMES TO REMEMBER THE FALLEN AND TO SPEAK ABOUT HIS
4 EXPERIENCES. HE PRODUCED FIVE DOCUMENTARIES WHICH HONORED THE
5 HISTORY AND LEGACY OF THOSE WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR OUR COUNTRY.
6 HIS WORK HAS NOT ONLY SERVED TO EDUCATE THE PEOPLE -- THE
7 PUBLIC OF THE HEROISM OF OUR VETERANS, BUT TO HELP PRESERVE
8 THEIR LEGACY. GEORGE'S WORK SOON BECAME WELL KNOWN, AND THE
9 GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE RECOGNIZED HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BY
10 AWARDING HIM THE LEGION OF HONOR MEDAL, THE HIGHEST
11 DISTINCTION. TODAY GEORGE IS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, DOROTHY,
12 HIS GRAND- NEPHEW NICK SARDELLA, AND OUR VERY OWN DIRECTOR OF
13 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, RUTH WONG. IT'S A
14 GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO PRESENT THIS TO YOU. I HAD THE GREAT
15 OPPORTUNITY WHEN I WAS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS TO TRAVEL TO
16 NORMANDY TO CELEBRATE THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY. AND IT
17 WAS A VERY MOVING EXPERIENCE FOR THOSE OF US TO ACTUALLY BE
18 THERE AND TRY AND REMEMBER AND HONOR THOSE WHO FOUGHT SO
19 BRAVELY TO END THAT WAR. SO IT'S REALLY AN HONOR FOR ME TO
20 PRESENT THIS TO YOU, GEORGE. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **GEORGE CIAMPA:** SUPERVISOR HAHN SAID I CAN SAY A FEW WORDS. YOU
23 KNOW, THE LAST 10, 11 YEARS DOING DOCUMENTARIES AND SPEAKING
24 TO KIDS IN SCHOOLS HERE AND ABROAD, IT'S HARD FOR ME TO JUST
25 SAY A FEW WORDS. BUT LET ME JUST SAY THIS. FIRST OF ALL, IT'S

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1 A REAL HONOR TO GET THIS AWARD, BECAUSE I KNOW THERE ARE MANY
2 VETERANS THAT ARE VERY DESERVING. AND THE SECOND THING I WOULD
3 LIKE TO SAY IS: I UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE PAST THIS AWARD HAS
4 BEEN PRESENTED AT A U.C.L.A. FOOTBALL GAME? AND, YOU KNOW, I
5 WENT TO S.C., SO I'M GLAD WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE AT THAT
6 FOOTBALL GAME. IT'S SO HARD TO GET IN AND OUT OF THE ROSE
7 BOWL, UNLIKE THE GOOD OLD COLISEUM RIGHT HERE IN L.A. SHE'S
8 ALREADY STOLEN MY THUNDER. BUT YOU DID SAY I SPENT MOST OF MY
9 TIME IN FRANCE. ACTUALLY, I WAS IN FRANCE, BELGIUM AND GERMANY
10 DURING THE WAR, AND I WAS ABOUT 112 POUNDS WHEN I LANDED ON D-
11 DAY, NORMANDY. ACTUALLY, MY COMPANY OF 124 ENLISTED MEN AND
12 OFFICERS, WE HANDLED 75,000, APPROXIMATELY, BODIES OF AMERICAN
13 SOLDIERS, INJURED AMERICAN SOLDIERS, BECAUSE OUR JOB WAS THE
14 GROTESQUE JOB OF GATHERING THE DEAD IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE
15 WE HAD 17 TEMPORARY CEMETERIES. AND I DIDN'T GET BACK TO
16 FRANCE AGAIN UNTIL 50 YEARS LATER, WHEN I TOOK MY TWO
17 CHILDREN, WHO WERE THEN 22 AND 23. AND BY THE WAY, JUST LET ME
18 SAY THIS. THE THING I'M MOST PROUD OF THAT I'D LIKE TO GET AN
19 AWARD FOR IS RAISING MY TWO KIDS, A GIRL, 11, A BOY, 10, FOR
20 10 YEARS AFTER THEIR MOTHER DIED. CATCH MY BREATH. I SAID
21 AFTER THEIR MOTHER DIED. AND SO I SAW THEM THROUGH FOR THOSE
22 YEARS UNTIL THEY GOT TO COLLEGE, MY SON TO NOTRE DAME AND MY
23 DAUGHTER TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO. AND I'M REALLY PROUD
24 OF MY KIDS. THEY'RE BOTH IN COLORADO, AND MY DAUGHTER HAS A
25 LITTLE SPECIAL-NEEDS GIRL ON THE SPECTRUM OF AUTISM. AND IF I

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1 WEREN'T DOING WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING THE LAST 11 YEARS, I WOULD
2 BE WORKING FOR AUTISM. IT'S A WORTHY CAUSE. AND I THINK MY
3 TIME IS PROBABLY UP. YOU KNOW, ONCE I START TALKING, I CAN'T
4 STOP. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT
7 PRESENTATION, SUPERVISOR HAHN. WE NOW TURN OUR ATTENTION TO
8 THE SUPERVISOR OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
9 ANGELES. THAT WOULD BE KATHRYN ANN BARGER. SUPERVISOR?

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. AS WE HAVE EVERYONE
12 COMING UP HERE, I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THIS WONDERFUL GROUP
13 OF VETERANS. WITH VETERANS DAY ON FRIDAY, IT'S FITTING THAT WE
14 RECOGNIZE A SPECIAL GROUP OF VETERANS HERE TODAY. OUR NATION'S
15 VETERANS ANSWER A CALL TO SERVICE RISKING THEIR LIVES TO
16 DEFEND OUR FREEDOM. WITH THEIR SERVICE, SACRIFICE, AND
17 COURAGE, OUR VETERANS HAVE EARNED OUR PERMANENT GRATITUDE AND
18 RESPECT. THIS GROUP OF VETERANS HERE TODAY CONTINUES TO ANSWER
19 THE CALL OF PUBLIC SERVICE. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
20 HAS UNDERTAKEN AN AGGRESSIVE OUTREACH EFFORT THROUGH REGIONAL
21 CAREER FAIRS TO HIRE VETERANS. RECENTLY THEY HAVE SERVED 30
22 VETERANS TO SERVE AS INTERNS IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION
23 MANAGEMENT DIVISION. THESE ARE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED
24 OUR NATION AND THE COUNTRY AND WE ARE STEPPING UP TO PROVIDE
25 THEM WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO UTILIZE THEIR TALENTS AND

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1 EXPERIENCE TO SUCCEED IN A SUPPORTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE WORKING
2 ENVIRONMENT. I'M GOING TO SNEAK UP HERE. OUTREACH TO OUR
3 VETERANS THROUGH HIRING WORKSHOPS AND INTERNSHIPS HAVE CREATED
4 A WIN/WIN SITUATION FOR OUR VETERANS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
5 AND I AM TOLD THAT THIS STARTED WHEN YOU ALL CAME, SOMEONE
6 APPLIED AT ONE OF OUR FAIRS OUT AT ARCADIA PARK, AND FROM
7 THERE IT STARTED WITH ONE, RIGHT? AND ONE LED TO THIS
8 INCREDIBLE GROUP. AND I CANNOT IMAGINE A BETTER WELCOME TO THE
9 COUNTY FAMILY THAN CELEBRATING IT HERE TODAY. AND THANK YOU
10 FOR YOUR SERVICE. AND YOU'D LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING, CHRISTINA?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU TO THE SUPERVISOR AND
13 THE SUPPORT OF THE ENTIRE BOARD WHO'S BEEN INCREDIBLY
14 ENCOURAGING OF THE DEPARTMENT AND OUR EFFORTS TO RECRUIT AND
15 HIRE VETERANS. THIS IS FOR YOU. THIS SCROLL IS FOR YOU. WE'RE
16 SO THANKFUL FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND WE'RE SO
17 THANKFUL THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO JOIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
18 SERVICES AND THE HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT BRANCH. IT'S A
19 WONDERFUL PLACE TO WORK, AND I DO HOPE THAT YOUR EXPERIENCE
20 WITH US WILL BE PRODUCTIVE AND AMAZING AND WARM. AND WE ARE SO
21 HAPPY THAT YOU ARE WITH US. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I WANT TO
2 INTRODUCE YOU TO OLIVER. OLIVER IS A TERRIER MIX. I KNOW. THIS
3 IS A BIG ONE. A TWO-YEAR-OLD MALE WHO IS AVAILABLE FOR
4 ADOPTION AT OUR DOWNEY SHELTER. I KNOW. OLIVIR IS LOOKING FOR
5 A FOREVER HOME. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO CALL 562-728-4610.
6 THERE ARE MANY MORE OLIVERS. I KNOW, THIS IS A BIG ONE. THIS
7 IS NOT A BABY. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO ONLINE OR GO TO ONE
8 OF OUR ANIMAL SHELTERS AND LOOK TO GIVE SOMEONE A FOREVER
9 HOME. THIS IS OLIVER. AND NOW I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE YOU TO
10 PEACHES. I KNOW. THIS IS PEACHES. AND PEACHES IS DOMESTIC
11 SHORT HAIR FOUR-MONTH-OLD FEMALE WHO'S ALSO AVAILABLE AT OUR
12 DOWNEY SHELTER. YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610 AND ADOPT PEACHES. I
13 KNOW. THIS ONE'S CUTE. SWEET. DO YOU WANT TO HOLD IT, MARK?
14 [LAUGHTER.] OKAY. SO ANYWAY. IT'S 562-728-4610 IF YOU WANT TO
15 ADOPT OR GO ONLINE. THERE ARE MANY MORE PEACHES THAT ARE
16 LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER.
19 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT WAS OLIVER AND PEACHES. GIVE THEM
20 ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE. I TELL YOU THE TRUTH. [APPLAUSE]
21 YES. THAT WILL CALM THINGS DOWN IN HERE TODAY. I MIGHT CALL IT
22 TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT THE AUDIO ISSUE THAT BESET US AT THE
23 BEGINNING OF THE BOARD MEETING WAS DUE TO A BAD DATA JACK THAT
24 EXPLODED, AND IT WAS REPLACED DURING THE PRESENTATIONS AND IS
25 OBVIOUSLY NOT WORKING NOW. WE THOUGHT WE WOULD SHARE THAT

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1 INFORMATION WITH YOU PER THE REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
2 SO THAT ALL INQUIRING MINDS ARE NOW SATISFIED. MADAME
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE OF
4 THE BUSINESS BEFORE US, WHICH IS THE PROTOCOL.

5

6 **LORI GLASGOW:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
7 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
9 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
10 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
11 PUBLIC. IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
12 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
13 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
14 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
15 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
16 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
17 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
18 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
19 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
20 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
21 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
22 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
23 UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
24 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS
25 TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY OTHER

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1 PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE
2 VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY
3 NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
4 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
5 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
6 BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR
7 BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO
8 REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY
9 THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
10 COOPERATION.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAME
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

14

15 **LORI GLASGOW:** THE FIRST ITEM BEFORE YOU IS AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
16 2, INCORPORATING HEALTH EQUITY MODELS INTO PROPOSED CANNABIS
17 REGULATIONS. THERE IS A PRESENTATION BY DR. FERRER, THE
18 DIRECTOR OF THE OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND JOE
19 NICCHITTA, THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

22

23 **LORI GLASGOW:** AND THERE ARE 14 SPEAKERS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED WITH THE
2 PRESENTATION. WELCOME TO BOTH OF OUR PRESENTERS. LADIES AND
3 GENTLEMEN.

4

5 **JOE NICCHITTA:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
6 CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NO.

9

10 **JOE NICCHITTA:** SO, I'M JOE NICCHITTA WITH THE OFFICE OF
11 CANNABIS MANAGEMENT WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, AND I'M JOINED
12 TODAY BY DR. BARBARA FERRER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 PUBLIC HEALTH, WHO YOU ALL KNOW. SO, IN RESPONSE TO TODAY'S
14 MOTION, WE'VE PUT TOGETHER A JOINT PRESENTATION, PUN INTENDED.
15 THIS JOB IS RICH IN PUNS, IF ANYTHING ELSE. WE WILL TAKE YOUR
16 BOARD THROUGH SOME OF THE VARIOUS.. [LAUGHTER.]

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** UH, JOSEPH?

19

20 **JOE NICCHITTA:** YES, SIR?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** KEEP YOUR DAY JOB. THANK YOU.
23 PROCEED. THANK YOU. YEAH. [LAUGHTER.]

24

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1 **JOE NICCHITTA:** VERY GOOD. SO, WE'LL BE TAKING THE BOARD
2 THROUGH SOME OF THE VARIOUS HEALTH EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS THAT
3 BEGIN TO SNAP INTO FOCUS WITH THE ONCOMING COMMERCIALIZATION
4 OF LEGAL ADULT- USE CANNABIS. SO WITH THAT, I'LL TURN IT OVER
5 TO DR. FERRER TO START, AND THEN I WILL CONCLUDE THE
6 PRESENTATION.

7

8 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, JOE. AND I WANT TO
9 REALLY THANK OUR CHAIR, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND ALL OF
10 THE OTHER SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR A REALLY
11 THOROUGH PROCESS WITH OUR ADVISORY WORKING GROUP THAT REALLY
12 ALLOWED A LOT OF PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER AND WEIGH IN ON THE
13 IMPORTANCE OF MAKING SURE THAT WHATEVER REGULATIONS ARE PASSED
14 IN THE COUNTY, THEY REFLECT THE NEED FOR US TO BALANCE THE
15 HEALTH NEEDS OF OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH THE NEEDS OF AN
16 EMERGING BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. I WANTED TO JUST START BY
17 TALKING FOR A VERY QUICK MOMENT ABOUT HEALTH EQUITY. YOU KNOW,
18 FOR US, THE ISSUE OF HEALTH EQUITY IS CENTRAL TO PRETTY MUCH
19 EVERYTHING WE'RE DOING AT PUBLIC HEALTH. AND WE THINK THAT
20 HEALTH EQUITY MEANS THAT EVERYONE HAS ACCESS TO THE
21 OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES THEY NEED FOR OPTIMAL HEALTH AND
22 WELL-BEING. UNDERLYING THAT PRINCIPLE, THOUGH, IS THE FACT
23 THAT IF YOU LOOK AT HEALTH OUTCOMES TODAY, YOU SEE ENORMOUS
24 DIFFERENCES THAT ARE BASED ON WHERE A PERSON LIVES, WORKS,
25 PLAYS, AND, OFTENTIMES, THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN. SO AT THE

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1 VERY BEGINNING OF LIFE, FOR EXAMPLE, HERE IN L.A. COUNTY,
2 BLACK BABIES ARE THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE IN THAT FIRST
3 YEAR OF LIFE THAN WHITE BABIES. AND AT THE END OF LIFE, WE SEE
4 THAT RESIDENTS IN COMPTON, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL LIVE ON AVERAGE
5 15 YEARS LESS THAN RESIDENTS IN SOME OF OUR MORE AFFLUENT
6 AREAS. AND THIS IS WHY THE ISSUE OF HEALTH EQUITY BECOMES SO
7 IMPORTANT FOR US TO GRAPPLE WITH AND TO UNDERSTAND THAT. WE
8 REALLY NEED TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES ARE
9 OFFERING THOSE OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES THAT PEOPLE NEED
10 FOR OPTIMAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. AND THAT WILL BE DIFFERENT
11 FOR DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. SO, THIS ISN'T ABOUT GIVING
12 EVERYBODY THE SAME THING. THIS IS ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT IN
13 EACH OF OUR COMMUNITIES WE'RE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT EVERYONE
14 WOULD NEED FOR OPTIMAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING AND, REALLY, FOR
15 THE COMMUNITIES TO BE COMMUNITIES THAT REALLY CAN ENCOURAGE
16 AND SUPPORT OPTIMAL HEALTH FOR THE RESIDENTS. ONE OF THE
17 THINGS THAT WE ALREADY HAVE SEEN IS THAT, IN FACT, THE
18 DISTRIBUTION OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES RIGHT NOW
19 DID END UP BEING CONCENTRATED, IN FACT, IN COMMUNITIES THAT
20 HAD HIGHER RATES OF POVERTY. SO IT'S HARD TO SEE, BUT THE
21 DARKER COLORS ON THE MAP ARE IN FACT THOSE COMMUNITIES WHERE
22 THERE WAS MORE POVERTY. AND YOU CAN SEE THAT IN THOSE
23 COMMUNITIES WHERE THERE ARE DARKER -- WHERE THERE'S A DARKER
24 SHADING, WE, IN FACT, HAD MORE DENSE LOCATIONS OF THE MEDICAL
25 MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. AND AGAIN, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE

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1 DISPENSARIES THAT WERE LICENSED AND PERMITTED. SO WHEN WE
2 THINK ABOUT WHAT WOULD WE LIKE TO SEE FROM A HEALTH EQUITY
3 PERSPECTIVE AS WE MOVE FORWARD AROUND THE REGULATIONS, ONE, WE
4 HAVE A FEW SUGGESTIONS. ONE SUGGESTION WOULD BE THAT WE ATTACH
5 HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS TO THE SITING OF THE LOCATIONS AND,
6 IN FACT, TO THE REGULATIONS THAT GET PROMULGATED THAT REALLY
7 GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE IMPACT WOULD BE
8 ON RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY HEALTH. SO COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPACT
9 ASSESSMENTS, WE USE THEM FOR OTHER ISSUES. WE USE THEM, FOR
10 EXAMPLE, SOMETIMES WHEN WE'RE WORKING AROUND ZONING, TO REALLY
11 LOOK AT WHAT IS THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH A
12 PARTICULAR PROJECT IS ABOUT TO BE LOCATED IN, AND HOW WILL
13 THAT INFLUENCE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING? AND WHAT COULD YOU
14 ACTUALLY DO WHEN YOU OFFER A NEW SITING IN A COMMUNITY THAT
15 WOULD ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING? SO IT ALLOWS YOU TO
16 ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT THE PICTURE IS OF HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN
17 THE COMMUNITY. AND YOU CAN LOOK AT ISSUES AROUND HEALTH
18 OUTCOMES. YOU COULD ALSO LOOK AT WHAT ARE THE EXISTING
19 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS THAT MAY EXIST IN THE COMMUNITY. AND
20 THOSE ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS DO ACTUALLY NOT JUST INCLUDE SORT
21 OF THE POLLUTING INDUSTRIES BUT ALSO INCLUDE EXPOSURE TO
22 TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL, AS WELL. SO, SINCE WE ALREADY KNOW FROM
23 STUDIES THAT IF THERE'S A HIGH ABUNDANCE OF BOTH ALCOHOL AND
24 TOBACCO RETAIL SHOPS, IT'S CORRELATED WITH HIGHER USE AND THEN
25 HIGHER ILLNESS. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT WITH AN EQUITY

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1 PERSPECTIVE, A HEALTH EQUITY PERSPECTIVE, YOU'D ALWAYS BE
2 ASSESSING THE ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING POLICIES AND REGULATIONS
3 AND MAKING SURE THAT, IN FACT, AS YOU PUT IN PLACE A SYSTEM
4 THAT WOULD HELP WITH REGULATING AN INDUSTRY, THAT THERE IS
5 REALLY ADEQUATE ENFORCEMENT ACROSS THE BOARD. FOR ME, THE TWO
6 PLACES WHERE I WOULD SAY PUBLIC HEALTH WOULD LIKE TO BE AS
7 HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE, AS WELL, IS ENSURING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO
8 PREVENTION AND TREATMENT RESOURCES AND THEN PROMOTING
9 RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY MESSAGING. THE REASON I WANT TO REALLY
10 FOCUS ON YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR AND SORT OF HOW DO WE
11 APPLY AN EQUITY LENS TO YOUNG PEOPLE IS IF YOU LOOK AT THE
12 DATA FOR L.A. COUNTY, AND THIS PICTURE ACTUALLY IS FAIRLY
13 SIMILAR ACROSS THE COUNTRY, THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT -- THIS IS
14 AN IN-SCHOOL SURVEY. THIS IS A HIGH-SCHOOL SURVEY THAT'S DONE
15 EVERY YEAR. THOSE STUDENTS BETWEEN 9TH AND 12TH GRADE THAT
16 USED MARIJUANA IN THE LAST 30 DAYS WERE THE VERY SAME STUDENTS
17 WHO WERE MORE LIKELY TO SMOKE TOBACCO, TO DRINK, TO DRIVE
18 WHILE THEY'RE DRINKING, TO CONSUME MORE THAN FIVE DRINKS IN A
19 ROW IN THE PAST 30 DAYS, TO HAVE BEEN IN A PHYSICAL FIGHT, TO
20 HAVE BEEN BULLIED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, TO FEEL SAD OR HOPELESS,
21 AND EVEN THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED
22 ATTEMPTING SUICIDE AND ALSO MORE LIKELY TO HAVE ENGAGED IN
23 UNSAFE SEX. SO FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, UNFORTUNATELY YOU DON'T
24 USUALLY ENGAGE IN JUST ONE HIGH-RISK BEHAVIOR. YOU OFTEN
25 ENGAGE IN MULTIPLE HIGH-RISK BEHAVIORS. AND IT'S REALLY

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1 IMPORTANT AS WE THINK ABOUT THE SITING NOW OF ADULT-
2 RECREATIONAL-USE DISPENSARIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THAT WE PAY
3 A LOT OF ATTENTION TO ENSURING THAT YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE
4 OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT THAT ADDRESSES, IN
5 FACT, THE PROPENSITY OF HIGH- RISK BEHAVIOR THAT IS OCCURRING
6 FOR SOME OF OUR YOUTH. AND I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER NOW TO
7 JOE.

8

9 **JOE NICCHITTA:** OKAY, THANK YOU, DR. FERRER. AGAIN, JOE
10 NICCHITTA WITH THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT. I JUST
11 WANTED TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE EXTENSIVE PUBLIC
12 OUTREACH PROCESS WE DID OVER THE SUMMER AND HIGHLIGHT HOW THE
13 GUIDANCE AND FEEDBACK WE RECEIVED DURING THAT PROCESS
14 INTERSECTS WITH TODAY'S MOTION AND THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT DR.
15 FERRER JUST DISCUSSED. SO, AS THE BOARD IS AWARE, ACTUALLY A
16 YEAR AGO TODAY THE VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA PASSED PROPOSITION 64.
17 SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE BOARD DIRECTED THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS
18 MANAGEMENT TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND A
19 NUMBER OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO PREPARE REGULATIONS TO ALLOW
20 LICENSED AND REGULATE COMMERCIAL CANNABIS IN UNINCORPORATED
21 AREAS. AS PART OF THAT MOTION, THE BOARD REALLY FOCUSED ON
22 PUBLIC OUTREACH. THEY DIRECTED THAT THE DEPARTMENTS GO OUT TO
23 THE COMMUNITIES, GET FEEDBACK BEFORE COMING BACK WITH
24 RECOMMENDATIONS SO THAT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS COULD BE
25 REFLECTIVE OF WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAD TOLD US. AND SO, ONE OF

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1 THE THINGS WE DID WAS WE FORMED THE ADVISORY WORKING GROUP ON
2 CANNABIS REGULATION, WHICH DR. FERRER MENTIONED DURING HER
3 PART OF THE PRESENTATION. THIS WAS A 17-MEMBER BODY AND
4 INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS,
5 FROM ALL THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, RATHER, PUBLIC HEALTH
6 EXPERTS, EDUCATION OFFICIALS AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS. THEY MET
7 EIGHT TIMES OVER THE SUMMER, AND THROUGH CONSENSUS, WHICH AT
8 TIMES WAS DIFFICULT AND ARDUOUS, TO SAY THE LEAST, THEY
9 REACHED AN AMAZING 64 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CANNABIS
10 REGULATIONS FOR UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREA. AGAIN, I WANT TO
11 EMPHASIZE IT WAS A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS. THESE WERE
12 VOLUNTEERS. SOME OF THESE MEETINGS WENT 8, 9 HOURS, SO WE'LL
13 APPRECIATIVE OF THE WORK THAT THEY PUT IN. NOW, I WON'T TALK
14 ABOUT ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONA THAT THEY GAVE US, BUT I WILL
15 FOCUS ON ONE IN PARTICULAR TODAY, AND IT'S RECOMMEND NUMBER
16 32, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE MOTION BEFORE YOUR BOARD.
17 THIS RECOMMENDATION SUGGESTS THAT THE COUNTY IMPLEMENT A
18 DISCRETIONARY PROCESS FOR CANNABIS RETAIL LICENSES AND THAT
19 THE PROCESS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SOME OF THOSE HEALTH EQUITY
20 CONSIDERATIONS THAT DR. FERRER JUST DISCUSSED. THE
21 RECOMMENDATION RECEIVED STRONG SUPPORT FROM ALL WORKING GROUP
22 MEMBERS BUT WAS, I THINK, ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL FOR THOSE
23 MEMBERS WHO WERE CONCERNED ABOUT OVERCONCENTRATION AND
24 OVERPROLIFERATION OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES, ESPECIALLY IN
25 CERTAIN AREAS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN EAST LOS ANGELES AND IN AREAS

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1 IMPACTED BY LIQUOR STORES, CRIME AND OTHER BLIGHTING USES. AND
2 OF COURSE, THE COMPLETE REPORT OF ALL OUR RECOMMENDATIONS IS
3 AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. DON'T LET THE GLASSES FOOL YOU. I'M
4 ACTUALLY COMPUTERING IT. CAN YOU GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE FOR ME?
5 SO ANOTHER THING WE DID CONCURRENTLY WITH THE ADVISORY WORKING
6 GROUP IS WE HELD 20 COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS THROUGHOUT
7 THE COUNTY. THESE LISTENING SESSIONS WERE A WORKSHOP FORMAT.
8 THEY WERE TABLETOP IN STYLE. THE GOAL WAS TO GET COMMUNITY
9 MEMBERS SITTING AROUND A TABLE TALKING ABOUT ISSUES RELATED TO
10 CANNABIS IN A SAFE WAY. WE DIDN'T ASK PEOPLE TO GET UP IN
11 FRONT OF THEIR ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND TALK ON THE MIC, WHICH CAN
12 BE A LITTLE BUILT INTIMIDATING FOR SOME. WE HAD HUNDREDS OF
13 PEOPLE COME TO THESE MEETINGS, AND WE ASKED THEM FOR INPUT ON
14 VARIOUS TOPICS, INCLUDING YOUTH ACCESS AND EXPOSURE, WHERE
15 CANNABIS BUSINESSES SHOULD LOCATE. WE OFFERED MATERIALS IN
16 MULTIPLE LANGUAGES. WE HAD TRANSLATORS AVAILABLE AT ALL OF
17 THESE MEETINGS, AND ONE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED ENTIRELY IN
18 SPANISH. WE GOT THOUSANDS OF COMMENTS, AND THOSE ARE DETAILED
19 IN A REPORT THAT'S AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. SO, WHAT DID WE
20 LEARN FROM THESE LISTENING SESSIONS? WELL, THE PUBLIC WAS MORE
21 OR LESS SPLIT BETWEEN THOSE WHO WELCOMED CANNABIS LEGALIZATION
22 AND REGULATION AND THOSE WHO ARE STRONGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
23 POTENTIAL IMPACTS FROM REGULATION. OF THOSE WHO WERE STRONGLY
24 CONCERNED, THEY TENDED TO IDENTIFY THE SAME TYPES OF CONCERNS,
25 VERY SIMILAR TO THE HEALTH EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS THAT IS DR.

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1 FERRER JUST DESCRIBED. FOR EXAMPLE, HOW WILL THE COUNTY
2 ADDRESS AN OVERCONCENTRATION OF CANNABIS RETAILERS IN ONE
3 COMMUNITY? WILL CANNABIS RETAIL MAKE EXISTING CONDITIONS WORSE
4 IN NEIGHBORHOODS WITH RELATIVELY HIGH RATES OF CRIME, HIGH
5 CONCENTRATIONS OF ALCOHOL OUTLETS, AND OTHER NEGATIVE HEALTH
6 INDICATORS, AND WILL COMMERCIAL CANNABIS INCREASE YOUTH
7 CONSUMPTION AND NEGATIVE OUTCOMES THAT WE KNOW ARE ASSOCIATED
8 WITH RECREATIONAL CANNABIS USE BY YOUNG PEOPLE. AND THE
9 RESEARCH IS ONGOING. WE TALK ABOUT ASSOCIATIONS. WE'RE VERY
10 CONCERNED ABOUT THEM, AND RESEARCH IS ONGOING TO FIGURE OUT
11 WHERE THE CAUSAL FACTORS LIE. THESE ARE RELATIVELY NEW
12 QUESTIONS IN THE SENSE THAT CANNABIS RETAILERS ARE A RECENT
13 PHENOMENON, AND WE'RE JUST NOW STARTING TO RESEARCH TUMBLE IN
14 ON MANY OF THESE ISSUES, AS I SAID. SO IN TERMS OF COMING FULL
15 CIRCLE TO THE MOTION BEFORE YOUR BOARD TODAY, IMPLEMENTING A
16 DISCRETIONARY PROCESS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS
17 OF THE ADVISORY WORKING GROUP AND FROM COMMENTS MADE BY
18 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO EXPRESSED CONCERNS. AND IT
19 REPRESENTS, REALLY, AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO INCORPORATE COMMUNITY
20 CONCERNS INTO LICENSING DECISIONS AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THOSE
21 HEALTH EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY.
22 IN TERMS OF A LICENSING PHASE-IN, WHICH IS ALSO PART OF THE
23 MOTION, THAT IS A GOOD WAY TO START TRANSITIONING FROM A
24 CURRENTLY UNLICENSED AND UNREGULATED MARKETPLACE FOR CANNABIS
25 WHILE AT THE SAME TIME GROWING OUR REGULATORY INFRASTRUCTURE

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1 AND ALLOWING THE COUNTY, IN PARTICULAR, D.P.H. AND OTHER
2 DEPARTMENTS, TO STUDY THE IMPACTS OF COMMERCIALIZATION ON A
3 COMMUNITY LEVEL. GOING FORWARD, SHOULD YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE
4 MOTION BEFORE YOU TODAY, WE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH DR. FERRER
5 AND THE CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY, AMONG THE VARIOUS OTHER
6 DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED, TO DEVELOP AN APPROPRIATE DISCRETIONARY
7 PROCESS AND LICENSING PHASE THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE
8 CONSIDERATIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE MOTION. WE WOULD BRING THOSE
9 RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO YOUR BOARD AT THE SAME TIME THAT WE
10 BRING THE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR
11 CANNABIS IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. RIGHT NOW, OUR TIMELINE IS
12 TO HAVE THAT TO YOUR BOARD IN DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY OF
13 NEXT YEAR. SO WITH THAT, DR. FERRER IS AVAILABLE FOR
14 QUESTIONS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT WAS AN
17 APPROPRIATE CLOSE. I THINK WE OUGHT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FINE
18 WORK OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
19 THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT OPERATING IN THE CONTEXT OF
20 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. I THINK BOTH DR. FERRER AND MR.
21 NICCHITTA HAVE DONE WHAT AMOUNTS TO AN EXEMPLARY JOB IN
22 PRESENTING THIS DATA AT THIS POINT, SO MUCH SO THAT I DON'T
23 FEEL IT NECESSARY TO MAKE MANY EXTENSIVE REMARKS OTHER THAN TO
24 SAY IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HEALTH
25 MATTERS. HEALTH EQUITY MATTERS. AND I DO WISH TO JUXTAPOSE THE

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1 NOTION OF HEALTH EQUITY WITH THIS CONVERSATION ABOUT SOCIAL
2 EQUITY. IT IS FALLACIOUS, IN MY VIEW, TO ASSUME THAT THIS IS
3 AN ECONOMIC BONANZA OF SOME SORT THAT DOESN'T HAVE FAR-
4 REACHING IMPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF
5 THE RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT WILL BE
6 IMPACTED. I WANT TO GIVE HIGH MARKS TO THE BOTTOMS-UP PROCESS
7 THAT THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT HAS ENGAGED IN GETTING
8 FEEDBACK FROM CONSTITUENTS, THAT IS, ON THE GROUND, IN
9 COMMUNITIES, EXPRESSING THEIR POINTS OF VIEW NOT
10 MONOLITHICALLY. THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT EXPRESSIONS OF
11 VIEWPOINTS IN THIS PROCESS, AND, THEREFORE, WE WANT TO
12 ACKNOWLEDGE THEM. REMARKS TO BE ACCORDED THE INNOVATION IN
13 PUBLIC HEALTH WITH RESPECT TO THE CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY. I
14 WOULD RISK THE PREDICTION THAT IT IS GOING TO BE ONE OF THE
15 STAND-OUT INNOVATIONS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT WILL
16 GET OTHER COUNTIES' ATTENTION IN TERMS OF HOW DISPARITIES CAN
17 BE ADDRESSED. MIGHT I SIMPLY SAY THIS IS NOT SIMPLY A
18 CONVERSATION ABOUT ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ALONE. IT IS NOT A
19 CONVERSATION ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY, THAT IS TO SAY LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT ALONE. IT IS A CONVERSATION IN A FUNDAMENTAL WAY
21 ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH, THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR
22 POPULACE, MOST SPECIFICALLY THE ADOLESCENT POPULATION THAT DR.
23 FERRER SO ABLY ARTICULATED IN TERMS OF THE DATA THAT'S
24 BEGINNING TO EMERGE. THE NEUROLOGISTS ARE MAKING CLAIMS OF
25 WHAT THEY'RE SEEING WITH THE EARLY-ON BRAIN DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

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1 AND THE LIKE. MORE TO COME IN THAT REGARD. BUT I JUST SIMPLY
2 WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THAT PRESENTATION. THERE ARE SEVERAL
3 PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. I SEE A SPEAKERS' LIST. 1, 2 AND
4 3, KUEHL, BARGER, SOLIS, IN THAT ORDER AS I SEE THEM LISTED.
5 AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO IMMEDIATELY THEN GO TO THE SPEAKERS
6 WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE
7 APPROXIMATELY 16, AND SO LET'S BE COGNIZANT OF THAT.
8 SUPERVISOR, IN THAT ORDER.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** 1, 2, 3, KUEHL, BARGER, SOLIS.
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I WANT TO
16 ACKNOWLEDGE, OBVIOUSLY, THE COAUTHOR, WHO WILL SPEAK SOON, BUT
17 I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH FOR THE WORK.
18 I TOTALLY SUPPORT THE NOTION OF THE HEALTH EQUITY OVERLAY ON
19 THIS ISSUE. AND MY QUESTIONS REALLY GO TO ANOTHER KIND OF
20 EQUITY THAT HAS KIND OF ALWAYS BOTHERED ME ABOUT THIS, BECAUSE
21 WHEN YOU REPORT, DR. FERRER, ABOUT THE FACT THAT THOSE YOUNG
22 PEOPLE WHO USE THIS DRUG ALSO HAVE BEEN SHOWN IN THEIR RECENT
23 PAST INDIVIDUALLY TO ALSO BE DRINKING TOO MUCH ALCOHOL,
24 THEY'RE DEPRESSED, THEY HAVE -- THEY IDEATE ABOUT SUICIDE, ET
25 CETERA, I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T MEAN TO CONFLATE THAT WITH SOME

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1 FAULT OF THIS PARTICULAR SUBSTANCE. I MEAN, THE GREATEST
2 INDICATOR OF ILL HEALTH IS POVERTY. IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN. AND WE
3 HAVE AS OUR JOB TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. AND I KNOW THAT'S
4 SOMETHING WE'VE BEEN VERY HAPPY ABOUT IN PUBLIC HEALTH UNDER
5 YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND SO I THINK I WANT US TO BE SORT OF SMART
6 ABOUT HOW WE GO ABOUT THIS. I CERTAINLY AGREE WITH THE
7 CHAIRMAN. THIS IS NOT ABOUT MONEY. WELL, HOW MUCH CAN WE SELL
8 SO WE MAKE A LOT OF MONEY FOR THE COUNTY? BECAUSE IN THAT CASE
9 WE SHOULD ALL BRING EMOTION ABOUT GUNS, BECAUSE WE COULD SELL
10 A LOT OF GUNS AND MAKE A LOT OF MONEY. BUT WE DON'T DO THAT.
11 WE REGULATE THEM, BECAUSE WE FIND THEM TO BE DANGEROUS. I
12 DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THIS HEARING PROCESS ABOUT, I GUESS,
13 SITING AND PLANNING, ET CETERA, IS GOING TO INTERFACE WITH THE
14 FULLER REGULATORY SCHEME THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO US, I
15 THINK, IN EARLY DECEMBER. ARE WE TALKING A SEPARATE HEARING
16 PROCESS JUST ABOUT HEALTH EQUITY AS OPPOSED TO HEARING ABOUT
17 EVERYTHING BEFORE WE DECIDE IF SOMETHING WILL BE PERMITTED TO
18 BE ESTABLISHED? SO, THAT'S MY FIRST QUESTION. MY SECOND IS I
19 REALLY ALWAYS LIKE TO KNOW HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO THE WAY WE
20 SITE LIQUOR STORES, BECAUSE I SEE THE SAME DANGER FOR YOUNG
21 PEOPLE. I SEE THE SAME DANGER FOR COMMUNITIES. I SEE THE SAME
22 DANGER IN EVERY ONE OF THOSE STORIES THAT I SEE IN EVERY ONE
23 OF THESE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, MORE VIOLENT BEHAVIOR IS
24 ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOHOL THAN ASSOCIATED WITH MARIJUANA. AND
25 THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MOVEMENT KNOWS THAT VERY WELL. WE COULD

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1 TALK ABOUT THAT IN THE NEXT MOTION. BUT I WONDER WHEN WE
2 DECIDE HOW WE'RE GOING TO APPROVE OR NOT APPROVE A PERMIT,
3 LET'S SAY, FOR A NEW LIQUOR LICENSE OR IF WE CAN, YOU KNOW,
4 WHATEVER THE COUNTY CAN DO IN ADDITION TO THE STATE TO SITE
5 IT, HOW DO WE SEE THOSE AS THE SAME KIND OF HEARINGS? IS THERE
6 ANY KIND OF PUBLIC HEALTH EYE ABOUT IT, ET CETERA? SO THOSE
7 TWO THINGS ARE MY CONCERN: EXTRA HEARING BODY, AND HOW DOES
8 THIS COMPARE TO THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT LIQUOR STORES?

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10 **JOE NICCHITTA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO, I THINK I CAN ANSWER
11 THE FIRST QUESTION AND MOST OF THE SECOND QUESTION. BUT WITH
12 RESPECT TO THE FIRST QUESTION, WE DO HAVE SOME WORK TO DO TO
13 GO BACK AND SIT WITH DR. FERRER AND REGIONAL PLANNING AND
14 OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO FIGURE OUT THE SPECIFICS OF THE
15 DISCRETIONARY HEARING PROCESS. BUT IT WOULD BE, IN MY VIEW,
16 ONE HEARING PROCESS THAT WOULD CONSIDER ALL OF THE FACTORS IN
17 TOTAL BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO ISSUE A LICENSE OR A PERMIT FOR A
18 CANNABIS BUSINESS. AND HEALTH EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS WOULD BE
19 ONE FACTOR THAT YOU WOULD ADDRESS ALONG WITH OTHER FACTORS
20 LIKE, YOU KNOW, HAVE THEY MET THE BASIC STANDARDS? DO THEY
21 HAVE A SECURITY PLAN? THINGS OF THAT NATURE. SO, THEY WOULDN'T
22 HAVE A SEPARATE HEALTH EQUITY HEARING. IT WOULD BE WRAPPED IN
23 TO THE TOTAL PROCESS. AND I THINK THAT MAKES THE MOST SENSE,
24 BECAUSE THE HEARING BODY THEN CAN CONSIDER THE TOTALITY OF THE
25 APPLICATION. AND IT'S ALSO MORE FAIR FOR APPLICANTS TO JUST GO

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1 THROUGH ONE HEARING OR ONE PROCESS FOR THEIR APPROVAL RATHER
2 THAN HAVE TWO SEPARATE FUNCTIONS. SO, THAT WOULD BE MY
3 RESPONSE TO THE FIRST QUESTION. IN TERMS OF LIQUOR STORES, THE
4 REASON I SAY I CAN ANSWER MOST OF THIS QUESTION IS BECAUSE I
5 DO BRING A LAND USE AND PLANNING BACKGROUND, HAVING BEEN
6 PLANNING'S LAWYER FOR SEVERAL YEARS. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT FOR
7 SITING A LIQUOR STORE, THE PRIMARY ENTITLEMENT IS A
8 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. AND YOU LOOK AT FACTORS LIKE
9 OVERCONCENTRATION, YOU LOOK AT HIGH CRIME REPORTING DISTRICTS,
10 BUT YOU DON'T NECESSARILY LOOK AT SOME OF THE HEALTH EQUITY
11 CONSIDERATIONS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY. AND THEN THERE IS
12 THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY ANALYSIS THAT CAN
13 OVERRIDE OVERCONCENTRATION AND HIGH CRIME REPORTING. SO IT'S
14 AN IMPERFECT SYSTEM, CERTAINLY AT THE ALCOHOL C.U.P. LEVEL.
15 AND I DO APPRECIATE THE MOTIONS ASKING US TO LOOK AT EXISTING
16 HEARING BODIES OR THE CREATION OF A NEW HEARING BODY, BECAUSE
17 IF WE ARE WITH EXISTING HEARING BODIES, LIKE THE REGIONAL
18 PLANNING COMMISSION, FROM CONSIDERING SOME OF THESE IMPORTANT
19 FACTORS, THE RIGHT MOVE MIGHT BE TO PROPOSE A NEW HEARING BODY
20 THAT CAN LOOK AT OTHER TYPES OF THINGS WHEN WE'RE DOING
21 SITING. WOULD IT MAKES SENSE IN THE ALCOHOL CONTEXT? PROBABLY.
22 BUT WE DON'T HAVE THAT IN PLACE RIGHT NOW.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THANK YOU FOR THE ANSWER, BECAUSE I THINK
25 -- YOU KNOW, MARIJUANA HAS BEEN ILLEGAL FOR SO LONG, AND IN

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1 THE OLD DAYS WE USED TO THINK IT WAS BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WHO
2 WERE IN CHARGE OF THE GOVERNMENT DRANK ALCOHOL AND THE PEOPLE
3 WHO WERE RESISTING THE GOVERNMENT SMOKED MARIJUANA. AND SO
4 THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE. AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT UNUSUAL. LOCK AT
5 CRACK COCAINE AS COMPARED TO OTHER KINDS OF COCAINE IN TERMS
6 OF THE PUNISHMENT THAT YOU GOT. IT'S NOT BEYOND THE BOUNDS TO
7 THINK THAT WE HAVE SORT OF OVERPUNISHED MARIJUANA AND
8 UNDERPUNISHED ALCOHOL. AND NOW THAT MARIJUANA'S SIMPLY LEGAL,
9 I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE US TAKE A DEEPER LOOK AT ALCOHOL
10 AND THE WAY WE DO IT, BECAUSE TO ME IT'S THE SAME THING,
11 REALLY, YOU KNOW, MIND ALTERING, BEHAVIOR ALTERING,
12 POTENTIALLY ADDICTIVE BUT NOT NECESSARILY ALWAYS A GATEWAY
13 DRUG, DO YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? JUST IF WE CAN TALK
14 REALISTICALLY USING SCIENCE, WHICH I KNOW YOU LOVE, TO FIGURE
15 OUT WHAT ARE WE REGULATING HERE AND HOW CAN WE LOOK AT IT,
16 BECAUSE I THINK LOOKING AT OVERCONCENTRATION IN SOME OF OUR
17 DISTRICTS OF LIQUOR STORES, I MEAN, IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF
18 THE COMMUNITY COALITION. THEY SAID, WHY ARE THEY ALL HERE?
19 WE'RE LOOKING AT -- AND WE'LL TAKE A LOOK LATER AT THE
20 POLLUTING BUSINESSES. WHY ARE THEY ALL HERE? AND SO I SUPPORT
21 IT A LOT, BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE IT APPLIED IN A REALISTIC WAY
22 ACROSS THE BOARD. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER AND
25 THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK YOU
3 BOTH FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. YOU KNOW, IN JUNE I
4 EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING PLACING THIS IN AN AREA WHERE
5 THERE WERE CHILDREN. AND SO WE INCORPORATED AN AMENDMENT THAT
6 ACTUALLY ESTABLISHED A LIMIT OF 600 FEET FOR ANY AREA WHERE
7 CHILDREN CONGREGATE. TO YOUR POINT, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IF YOU
8 LOOK AT WHERE THERE'S A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF LIQUOR STORES,
9 THERE'S A DIRECT CORRELATION TO THE POVERTY. SO, I DO
10 UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO BE
11 VERY COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT THE TWO SHOULD NOT GO HAND-IN-
12 HAND AND THAT IT WILL IMPACT AREAS WHERE POVERTY IS IN PLACE.
13 HAVING SAID THAT, YOU KNOW, THE CHALLENGE THAT I HAVE
14 REPRESENTING THE FIFTH DISTRICT IS THE RURAL AREAS. AND
15 BECAUSE IT'S AN ALL-CASH BUSINESS, CRIME IS A SERIOUS CONCERN.
16 WE HAVE A SITUATION WHERE YOU'VE GOT ROBBERIES AND A MURDER,
17 ACTUALLY, UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY THAT WAS COMMITTED AGAINST
18 AN OWNER OF A DISPENSARY. SO I'M AWARE OF THE FACT THE
19 CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE ARE NOT JUST ABOUT THE THE HEALTH
20 RISKS BUT ALSO ABOUT THE PUBLIC SAFETY RISKS. I DON'T KNOW HOW
21 WE GET THROUGH THAT HURDLE, BUT THIS MOTION IS A GOOD FIRST
22 STEP TOWARD LOOKING AT THE HOLISTIC APPROACH OF HANDLING THIS,
23 BECAUSE THIS IS NEW TERRITORY. AND, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TO
24 RESPECT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE WHO VOTED THIS INTO PLAY, BUT
25 AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH.

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1 HAVING SAID THAT, YOU KNOW, I ENCOURAGE US TO TALK TO OUR 88
2 CITIES, BECAUSE OUR CITIES, YOU KNOW I KNOW IN MY DISTRICT,
3 AND I THINK MAYOR TORNEK IS HERE. I KNOW PASADENA IS CURRENTLY
4 LOOKING AT THIS ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO HOW THEY'RE GOING TO
5 ADDRESS IT. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE, NOT
6 NECESSARILY A ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL, BUT MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T
7 DO SOMETHING THAT EXACERBATES IT IN CITIES WITH UNINTENDED
8 CONSEQUENCES. SO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO
9 COMMUNICATE, AND I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN, BUT TO BE AS
10 TRANSPARENT AS POSSIBLE WITH OUR CITIES SO THAT THEY CAN LEARN
11 FROM US AND WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM. BUT TO YOUR POINT,
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I DO AGREE ABOUT THE ISSUE OF ALCOHOL. I
13 KNOW THAT MANY OF MY C.S.D.S THAT HAVE BEEN CREATED HAVE
14 LOOKED AT PLACEMENT OF ALCOHOL AND HAVE LIMITED THE NUMBER OF
15 ESTABLISHMENTS SELLING ALCOHOL, ALTADENA FOR ONE, OUT OF
16 CONCERN FOR JUST PUBLIC HEALTH. AND SO, I THINK THAT IT'S
17 SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT HAND-IN-HAND. SO I AGAIN
18 THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION. I THINK IT'S A GREAT MOTION THAT
19 YOU ALL HAVE BROUGHT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
22 PLEASE.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE CHAIRMAN FOR ACTUALLY
25 WORKING SO HARD AND DILIGENTLY ON THIS ISSUE. IT'S SOMETHING

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1 THAT I KNOW HE AND I SHARE IN TERMS OF OUR CONCERN FOR
2 OVERCONCENTRATION OF ADVERSE ENTITIES THAT IMPACT AND
3 EXACERBATE WHAT WE KNOW ARE INEQUITIES THAT EXIST NOW. I'D
4 LIKE TO TAKE IT A LITTLE BIT FURTHER AND SAY THAT IT'S AN
5 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUE, AS WELL, BECAUSE WE HAVE ON TOP
6 OF LAYERS OF BUSINESSES THAT CONTRIBUTE IN DIFFERENT WAYS, WE
7 ALSO HAVE THE FACT THAT OUR AIR, OUR WATER, OUR ENVIRONMENT,
8 AND ALL I HAVE TO DO IS LOOK IN MY OWN DISTRICT AND
9 SURROUNDING AREAS OF VERNON, WHERE YOU ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH,
10 DR. FERRER, WHERE WE ARE CURRENTLY VERY CONCERNED. AND I FIRST
11 OF ALL WANT TO SAY THANKS TO THE STAFF FOR HAVING THE HEARINGS
12 THAT YOU DID HAVE. YOU HAD THREE OF THEM IN EAST LOS ANGELES.
13 AND I HEARD THAT AT EACH OF THEM YOU HAD ANYWHERE UPWARDS OF
14 80 TO 100 PEOPLE COME, AND MOST WERE NOT FAVORABLE. MOST WERE
15 VERY CONCERNED PARENTS THAT SHOWED UP AND TALKED ABOUT THE
16 LOCATION, CLOSENESS TO CHILD EDUCATION FACILITIES, PARKS, AND
17 THE OVERCONCENTRATION ALREADY OF LIQUOR STORES. AND WE HAVE
18 MANY OF THEM IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, PARTICULARLY IN EAST
19 LOS ANGELES, BUT ALSO IN THE VALINDA AND BASSETT AREA. AND
20 PREVIOUS MAPS THAT I SAW, THAT IS CONCEIVABLY WHERE THESE
21 WOULD BE PLACED. SO I DO HAVE A GREAT CONCERN. I'M GLAD THAT
22 WE'LL BE ABLE TO USE THIS AS A LENS. JUST AS WE DO WITH
23 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, THIS WILL HOPEFULLY BE A LENS TO ALSO
24 LOOK AT HEALTH, CRIME, AND ALSO THE OVERCONCENTRATION. SO
25 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION

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1 OVERCONCENTRATION OF EGREGIOUS TYPES OF FACILITIES AND
2 PERMITS. SO, I WOULD ASK US TO THINK ABOUT THAT AS WE LOOK AT
3 EQUITY, THAT WE THINK ABOUT THAT, AS WELL. I WOULD JUST LIKE
4 TO SAY IN THE CITY OF L.A., WHICH OVERLAPS IN MUCH OF MY
5 DISTRICT, I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE ABOUT -- NOT JUST IN MY
6 DISTRICT BUT OVERALL, 262 MEDICAL MARIJUANA, LICENSED, I
7 BELIEVE. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE MANY UNLICENSED. I DO KNOW
8 THAT IT'S UNDERREPORTED IN MY DISTRICT IN THE FIRST AND, IN
9 PARTICULAR, IN EAST LOS ANGELES. AND I'D LIKE TO ASK RIGHT NOW
10 HOW WE ARE DOING WITH THAT IN EAST LOS ANGELES, IN TERMS OF
11 THOSE THAT ARE UNLICENSED. HOW MANY DO WE HAVE THERE, AND
12 WHERE ARE WE WITH THAT?

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14 **JOE NICCHITTA:** SO, IN TERMS OF CLOSURE EFFORTS AND CLOSURE
15 STATISTICS, WE HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL HERE WHO CAN RESPOND TO
16 SOME OF THOSE SPECIFICS.

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18 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN:** GOOD MORNING, TOM FAUGHNAN, SENIOR ASSISTANT
19 COUNTY COUNSEL. SO, WHEN WE LAST REPORTED TO YOUR BOARD ON THE
20 ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES OPERATING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WE
21 HAD 75 THAT WERE OPEN THAT WE WERE WORKING ON CLOSING. WE HAVE
22 CLOSED 29 OF THOSE DISPENSARIES. HOWEVER, IN THE SAME PERIOD
23 OF TIME, 31 NEW ONES HAVE OPENED.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** IN THE FIRST DISTRICT IN EAST LOS ANGELES,
2 OR THE ENTIRE?

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4 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN:** IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, WE HAD 38 THAT WERE
5 OPEN. WE'VE CLOSED 14, BUT AN ADDITIONAL 14 HAVE OPENED.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO, IT'S KIND OF WHACK-A-MOLE, AS THEY SAY,
8 UNFORTUNATELY.

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10 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN:** YEAH, I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT, NOW THAT WE
11 HAVE SOME INFORMATION, WHO IS OPEN. ARE THEY ONES THAT WE'VE
12 CLOSED AND THEY'RE REOPENING IN OTHER AREAS, OR ARE THEY NEW
13 BUSINESSES THAT ARE OPENING UP BECAUSE OF LEGALIZATION AND THE
14 EVENTUAL LICENSING OF NEW BUSINESSES? SO WE NEED TO LOOK AT
15 THE DATA AND FIGURE OUT WHETHER WE NEED TO ADJUST OUR
16 STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE CLOSURES.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I REALIZE -- I'VE BEEN A BIG SUPPORTER
19 OF MEDICINAL USE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND I KNOW THAT THAT'S
20 VERY CRITICAL AND IMPORTANT. BUT I ALSO AM DEEPLY CONCERNED
21 WITH THE EXHAUSTIVE CONVERSATIONS THAT WE'VE HAD WITH OUR
22 CONSTITUENTS THAT REPEATEDLY ARE VERY CONCERNED AND WHERE WE
23 HAVE HAD SOME ALTERCATIONS IN FRONT OF ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES,
24 WHERE THERE'S ACTUALLY BEEN FIGHTS, CRIME AND POTENTIAL
25 ROBBERY, ATTEMPTED ROBBERY. SO THOSE ARE THINGS THAT I HEAR

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1 FROM MY CONSTITUENTS. AND OBVIOUSLY, I WANT TO HELP TO MOVE
2 THE DISCUSSION AND THAT WE REALLY BELIEVE AND LOOK AT DATA AND
3 LOOK AT VERY CLEARLY THE OTHER KIND OF, AS I MENTIONED
4 EARLIER, THE OTHER NUANCES THAT IMPACT THESE PARTICULARLY LOW-
5 INCOME DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. SO I THINK WE OWE IT TO
6 THEM. WE OWE IT TO OUR PARENTS. AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE. I DON'T
7 KNOW IF ANY OF THE HEARINGS WERE HELD AT ANY PARTICULAR SCHOOL
8 SITES DURING THE DAY, BECAUSE I DID HEAR FROM CONSTITUENTS
9 THAT IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT, EVEN THOUGH WE HAD SOME GOOD
10 ATTENDANCE, THAT IT WAS VERY HARD FOR PARENTS TO HAVE TO EVEN
11 TAKE UP A SATURDAY, BECAUSE THEY WORK DURING THE WEEK AND
12 WEREN'T ABLE TO ATTEND. SO I WOULD JUST SAY THAT AS WE MOVE
13 ALONG, WE MAY WANT TO KEEP THAT IN MIND AS AN ALTERNATIVE, IF
14 WE REALLY ARE SERIOUS ABOUT GETTING IMPACT FROM OUR
15 CONSTITUENTS, ESPECIALLY IN OUR UNINCORPORATED, LOW-INCOME
16 AREAS. AND I WOULD JUST THANK THE CHAIRMAN. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-
19 AUTHORSHIP, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND WANT TO SAY IN RESPONSE TO
20 SOME OF THE REMARKS OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU PLACED
21 YOUR FINGER ON A VERY, VERY SENSITIVE AND DIFFICULT SUBJECT
22 WHEN WE SPEAK TO THE MATTER OF ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND THE
23 REGULATION OF IT, PARTICULARLY FROM A LAND-USE PERSPECTIVE.
24 CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MY TIME WHEN I WAS A MEMBER OF THE LOS
25 ANGELES CITY COUNCIL AND, SUPERVISOR HAHN, I SUSPECT THE SAME

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1 IS TRUE FOR YOU, DEALING WITH NUISANCE LAND USE, AND THE
2 WHAT'S COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE OVERCONCENTRATION OF LIQUOR
3 STORES IS FUNDAMENTALLY A QUESTION OF OUR LAND-USE POLICIES.
4 AND THAT'S WHY IT'S SO CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO GET THE
5 SITING OF THESE DISPENSARIES AND THE LIKE CORRECT, BECAUSE
6 ONCE THE OWNERS HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE LAW ON THEIR SIDE, I
7 WOULD SAY IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS IT IS HELD TO DIAL IT BACK. SO
8 I CAN JUST ENVISION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SOME OF THE
9 OVERCONCENTRATION CHALLENGES THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT WITH
10 LIQUOR STORES BEING COMPOUNDED BY THAT WHICH WE ARE
11 CONTEMPLATING NOW. THAT'S A VERY, VERY UNSETTLING THOUGHT TO
12 ME, AND I WANT TO ASSERT FOR ALL TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE I'M
13 COMING FROM ON THIS. THIS AMOUNTS TO A HUGE SETBACK
14 POTENTIALLY FOR COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND
15 PARTICULAR COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ALREADY FACING SUBSTANTIAL
16 CHALLENGES WITH RESPECT TO THE LACK OF APPROPRIATE ENFORCEMENT
17 FROM A PLANNING AND LAND USE PERSPECTIVE, A LAW ENFORCEMENT
18 PERSPECTIVE, AND ALL OF THE OTHER ISSUES THAT SURROUND
19 BUILDING AND SAFETY, ALL OF THOSE ISSUES. THIS IS A HUGELY
20 SERIOUS MATTER AS RELATES TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR
21 RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES AND CONSTITUENTS. AND SO WE THANK YOU
22 FOR YOUR PRESENTATION THIS MORNING, COUNTY COUNSEL, OFFICE OF
23 CANNABIS MANAGEMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH. WE'LL NOW TURN TO THOSE
24 WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT. MADAME
25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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2 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
3 FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. MIHAE JUNG. MANAL ABOELATA.
4 ALBERT MELENA. ARLS BENVIDES. PLEASE COME FORWARD. DINA CRUZ.
5 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. DWAYNE DICKSON. JAVIER MONTES. PLEASE
6 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
9 PRESENCE THIS MORNING. THE FLOOR IS YOURS. AND YOU MAY
10 PROCEED.

11

12 **MIHAE JUNG:** HELLO?

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YES.

15

16 **MIHAE JUNG:** GOOD MORNING. HELLO. MY NAME IS MIHAE JUNG, AND I
17 WORK AS A PROGRAM MANAGER AT KOREATOWN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY
18 CENTER, K.Y.C.C. I LIVE AND WORK IN DISTRICT 2. I HAVE BEEN
19 SERVING THE KOREATOWN COMMUNITIES, THE VERY DIVERSE IMMIGRANT
20 COMMUNITIES, THE PAST THREE YEARS. I HAVE WORKED WITH AT-RISK
21 YOUTH IN JUVENILE HALL AS A TREATMENT COUNSELOR FOR A NUMBER
22 OF YEARS, AS WELL. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION THAT PUTS
23 HEALTH EQUITY AS A PRIORITY WHEN IT COMES TO OUR COMMUNITIES.
24 ARE OUR COMMUNITIES NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO HAVE BOTH SOCIAL EQUITY
25 AND HEALTH EQUITY? THE PAST THREE YEARS WORKING IN OUR

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1 COMMUNITIES, I'VE ASSISTED MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS, LATINO
2 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, BANGLADESHI COMMUNITY MEMBERS, KOREAN
3 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND INCLUDING LIQUOR STORE OWNERS TRYING TO
4 CURB THE ALCOHOL DENSITY IN OUR AREAS. AND THE COMPLICATED
5 C.U.P. PROCESS AND THE INACCESSIBILITY OF THE PROCESS FOR OUR
6 RESIDENTS LEFT MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABSOLUTELY
7 POWERLESS AND SAW THEMSELVES NOT PART OF THE LAND-USE PROCESS.
8 THERE'S ONE CASE THAT I HAD TO DEAL WITH WHERE A BUSINESS HAD
9 MULTIPLE C.U.P. VIOLATIONS REPORTED BY THE L.A.P.D., AND,
10 STILL, INCLUDING SEXUAL TRAFFICKING AND DRUG USE, AND THIS
11 BUSINESS STILL RECEIVED AN ALCOHOL LICENSE. AND TO THIS DAY, I
12 STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THAT'S THE CASE. IN OUR AREA, EVERY
13 SINGLE CENSUS TRACK IS OVERCONCENTRATED WITH ALCOHOL LICENSES
14 INCLUDING OFF-SALE AND ON-SALE. AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE
15 DEFINITION OF OVERCONCENTRATION IS STILL NOT DEFINED AND IS
16 NOT TRANSLATABLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WHEN THE PROCESS IS UP TO
17 OUR COMMUNITY MEMBER, YOU'RE PUTTING THE EXTRA BURDEN ON
18 ALREADY MARGINALIZED, LINGUISTICALLY AND CULTURALLY, SUFFERING
19 FAMILIES THAT ARE BUSY TAKING CARE OF THEIR KIDS. I REALIZE
20 THAT THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE HEALTH EQUITY MUST START WITH THE
21 GOVERNMENT, AND THIS MOTION IS A GREAT START TO FACILITATE
22 THAT. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
25 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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2 **MANAL ABOELATA:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
3 IS MANAL ABOELATA. I'M MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PREVENTION
4 INSTITUTE, A NATIONAL NONPROFIT DEDICATED TO ADVANCING
5 COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIES TO PREVENT ILLNESS AND INJURY IN THE
6 FIRST PLACE. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR APPLYING
7 A HEALTH EQUITY ANALYSIS TO L.A. COUNTY EFFORTS TO ENSURE
8 THAT, MOVING FORWARD, WE SEEK TO PROACTIVELY RECTIFY THE
9 UNFAIR AND UNJUST LEGACY THAT THE WAR ON DRUGS HAS LEFT ON
10 LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE OF COLOR, ESPECIALLY ON
11 AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES, WHO HAVE DISPROPORTIONALLY BEEN
12 CRIMINALIZED AND INCARCERATED WHILE INEQUITIABLY BEING SHUT
13 OUT FROM AFFORDABLE HOUSING, LOCAL JOBS, AND COMMUNITY
14 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE COUNTY'S APPROACH DOES NEED TO DRAW
15 APPROPRIATE LESSONS FROM ALCOHOL PREVENTION EFFORTS THAT
16 EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ZONING AND LAND-USE AGENCY
17 INVOLVEMENT IN LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT. WE ALSO SUPPORT
18 CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO
19 PREVENT OVERCONCENTRATION OF UNHEALTHY LAND USES, WHILE ALSO
20 ACCELERATING THE CONCENTRATION OF HEALTHY LAND USES,
21 RECOGNIZING THAT ALL OF THIS IS OCCURRING IN THE CONTEXT OF AN
22 ALREADY INEQUITABLE LAND USE SYSTEM. WE WOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE
23 THAT A GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
24 HEALTH SHOULD FUND COMMUNITY-BASED POLICY ADVOCACY TO GROUPS
25 WHO ENGAGE ON HEALTH POLICY AND RELATED LAND-USE MATTERS. IT

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1 IS IMPORTANT THAT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE SUPPORTED TO DO MORE
2 THAN COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING. FINALLY, WE THINK THAT DEPARTMENT
3 OF PUBLIC HEALTH COULD OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH
4 IMPACT ASSESSMENTS AND THAT PERHAPS THESE HEALTH IMPACT
5 ASSESSMENTS COULD LOOK AT DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH AND
6 BE TIED TO NEW LICENSING AND FUNDED BY NEW LICENSES. IN
7 CLOSING, PREVENTION INSTITUTE CONVENED THE HEALTHY EQUITABLE
8 LAND USE NETWORK, AND THAT WE STAND READY TO SUPPORT YOU IN
9 YOUR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS. I'D ALSO LIKE TO
10 SUPPORT THAT YOUR COMMUNITY PREVENTION TASKFORCE COULD BE AN
11 ADVISER TO D.P.H. ON THIS MATTER, IF HELPFUL.

12
13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
14 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15
16 **ALBERT MELENA:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
17 ALBERT MELENA, AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A
18 HEALTH-EQUITY MODEL THAT WILL PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE
19 COMMUNITIES. BECAUSE CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN A COMMUNITY
20 MAY SERVE BOTH THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AND INDIVIDUALS COMING INTO
21 A LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD, THE IMPACT OF JUST ONE POORLY RUN
22 LOCATION WILL SEVERALLY IMPACT COMMUNITIES. WE'RE ALREADY
23 SEEING THE IMPACT OF JUST ONE POORLY RUN DISPENSARY IN OUR
24 COMMUNITIES WHEN IT COMES TO PUBLIC SMOKING, LOOKING AT THE
25 IMPACT ON NEARBY SCHOOLS. I MEAN, WE'RE HEARING FROM PARENTS

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1 THAT THEY CAN'T PLAY IN THE PARK. THEIR KIDS CAN'T PLAY IN THE
2 PARK. WE HAVE DRIFTING SMOKE INTO SCHOOLS. AND IT REALLY IS
3 IMPORTANT THAT WE REALLY TAKE A STEP BACK AND LOOK AT A SYSTEM
4 THAT CREATES RESPONSIBLE OPERATING PRACTICES FOR RETAIL
5 ESTABLISHMENTS. ESTABLISHING A HEARING PROCESS THAT CONSIDERS
6 THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITIES TO ENSURE
7 RESPONSIBLE OPERATING STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS THAT WILL
8 MINIMIZE ANY POTENTIAL HARMS WILL GO A LONG WAY IN ENSURING
9 THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITIES WHILE ALSO ENSURING
10 EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION. WE ALSO NEED TO CONSIDER A POTENTIAL
11 CAP IN SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE, MOST IMPACTED COMMUNITIES
12 WHEN IT COMES TO CRIME, PUBLIC INTOXICATION, AND OTHER ISSUES.
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **DINA CRUZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DINA CRUZ, AND I WORK FOR
18 COMMUNITY CENTER EMERGENCY ROOM PROJECT, A PROGRAM OF SOCIAL
19 MODEL. AND WE SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH EQUITY
20 MODELS THAT POOR COMMUNITIES OF COLORS, THEY ARE INUNDATED
21 WITH CANNABIS BUSINESSES AND ITS NEGATIVE IMPACTS, AND NOW WE
22 LEARNED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS NOTED BY DR. FERRER.
23 AND THIS IS AN IN-DEMAND INDUSTRY THAT'S COMING INTO OUR
24 COMMUNITIES, AND THE HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT NEEDS TO GET
25 BACK TO THE COMMUNITIES. SO I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO MAKE

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1 SURE THAT WE GET THAT INFORMATION OUT TO OUR COMMUNITIES. AND
2 I COMMEND THIS APPROACH, BECAUSE IF HEALTH DISPARITY AND
3 EXPLICITLY AND PURPOSELY ADDRESSING LICENSING IMPLEMENTATION,
4 MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT, THEN THIS MODEL MUST LOOK
5 CAREFULLY AT ENFORCEABLE CONDITIONS, SUCH AS HOURS OF
6 OPERATION, EXPANDING DISTANCES BETWEEN CANNABIS BUSINESSES,
7 DESIGNATING ZERO ZONES AROUND SENSITIVE USERS, AND NO
8 EXCEPTIONS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, SETTING A CAP, LIKE ALBERT
9 MELENA MENTIONED. WE NEED TO SET A CAP OF NUMBER OF LICENSES
10 IMPLEMENTED IN POOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THAT ARE HEAVILY
11 IMPACTED. I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT TWO SPECIFIC SECTIONS. IN
12 SECTION 1.A.I., IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE
13 AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE AT THE LICENSING HEARING PROCESS
14 BUT THAT THEY ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT GRIEVANCES
15 TO ANY OPERATOR THAT IS HAVING A NEGATIVE HEALTH IMPACT IN THE
16 COMMUNITY. AND FOR SECTION 1.D.I., THEY NOT ONLY TO ASSIST THE
17 EFFICACY OF THE ACTUAL, OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS, BUT
18 ALSO PROVE THAT THE ENFORCEMENT OF CONDITIONS IS HAPPENING.
19 THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22
23 **ARLS BENVIDES:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS, L.A. COUNTY. JUST WANT TO
24 SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS RIDLEY- THOMAS AND HILDA SOLIS
25 FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO

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1 IMPROVE THE HEALTH OUTCOMES OF OUR COMMUNITY. AND I DID ATTEND
2 MANY OF THE HEARING SESSIONS THAT WERE DISCUSSED EARLIER. AND
3 EAST L.A., YOU KNOW, I HAVE TO SAY THE EAST L.A. COMMUNITY WAS
4 VERY VOCAL AND THEY SHOWED UP TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS ISSUE. SO,
5 THE COMMUNITY DOES NEED TO HAVE A VOICE WHEN IT COMES TO
6 HAVING C.U.P.S AND HAVING CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN OUR
7 COMMUNITY. THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT. JUST LIKE WE HAVE COMMUNITY
8 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS, I THINK THAT THOSE COMMUNITY
9 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS NEED TO BE CONSULTED AND NEED TO BE PART
10 OF THE PROCESS TO DECIDE IF ONE OF THESE BUSINESSES IS ALLOWED
11 IN THE COMMUNITY, IN ADDITION TO LOOKING AT OTHER FACTORS
12 ENVIRONMENTALLY. I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT WAS MENTIONED
13 ABOUT THE ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES, HOW WHEN ONE IS CLOSED ANOTHER
14 ONE OPENS. AND THAT'S VERY CONCERNING, BECAUSE THIS WOULD NOT
15 BE ALLOWED IN ANY OTHER TYPE OF BUSINESS. COMMUNITIES OF COLOR
16 ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY CRIME, DRUG-RELATED
17 PROBLEMS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, LOWER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, HIGHER
18 DROPOUT RATES, ET CETERA. SO IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK
19 AT HOW WE CAN IMPROVE HEALTH. AND WE HAVE TO WORK ON REDUCING
20 THE NUMBER OF BUSINESSES THAT NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE COMMUNITY,
21 INCLUDING ALCOHOL BUSINESSES AND CANNABIS-RELATED BUSINESSES.
22 I WOULD CONSIDER ESTABLISHING LOW-DENSITY CANNABIS BUSINESSES
23 IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND ALSO, AGAIN, REITERATE HOW
24 IMPORTANT IT IS TO GET COMMUNITY INVOLVED IN THE LICENSING AND
25 C.U.P. PROCESS. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT
3 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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5 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
6 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I ATTENDED A LOT OF THOSE MEETINGS
7 MYSELF. FIRST OF ALL, AS USUAL, IT WAS REALLY A SMALL NUMBER
8 OF THE COMMUNITY WHO ATTENDED THOSE MEETINGS. YOU KNOW, AND
9 THAT'S ONE THING THAT ALWAYS AMAZES ME: IN A COUNTY OF 10
10 MILLION PEOPLE THAT WE CAN ONLY FIND MAYBE 20 OR 30 PEOPLE TO
11 ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS. AND I AM CONCERNED AND I'M GLAD
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL BROUGHT THE ISSUE OF ALCOHOL, BECAUSE THAT'S
13 OFTEN ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES THAT CAUSE PROBLEMS, BOTH WITH
14 OPIATE DEATHS AND SO ON, AND IT IS THE SAME WITH CANNABIS USE,
15 NEVER ALONE. AND AS A RULE, IT IS NEVER MENTIONED, AND I GUESS
16 IT IS BECAUSE ALCOHOL IS LEGAL. BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
17 RIGHT NOW THAT YOU REALLY LOOK, THAT THE INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC
18 IS REALLY HEARD AND ADEQUATELY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. MADAME EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER?

22

23 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
24 FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME AND STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU?
25 JONATAN CVETKO. KATHLEN VILLARREAL. MARIBEL BRISENO. PLEASE

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1 COME FORWARD. MATTHEW GARLAND. MICHELLE PERKINS. PATRICIA DE
2 LA TORRE. REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE. PLEASE COME FORWARD. AND
3 TERESA PALACIOS. THOSE ARE ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SIGNED
4 UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AFTER THE LAST PERSON WHOSE NAME
7 WAS CALLED HAS SPOKEN, THAT WILL EFFECTIVELY CLOSE THE PUBLIC
8 HEARING PORTION ON THIS ITEM. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

9

10 **JAVIER MONTES:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAVIER
11 MONTES. I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE U.C.B.A. TRADE
12 ASSOCIATION. WE ARE A GROUP OF RETAIL PROP D DEALERS IN THE
13 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I WAS A MEMBER OF THE L.A. COUNTY
14 ADVISORY WORKING GROUP LED BY JOE NICCHITTA AND THE DEPARTMENT
15 OF O.C.M. I'M IN FAVOR OF CREATING A COUNTY HEARING BODY
16 SIMILAR TO OUR ADVISORY BOARD. OUR ADVISORY BOARD WAS MADE UP
17 OF INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS ACROSS-THE-BOARD. BOTH PRO AND
18 CONCERNED VOICES WERE HEARD. I HOPE YOUR BODY IS CREATED WITH
19 SIMILAR REPRESENTATION. FOR THE LAST TWO MONTHS, WE DEBATED
20 DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING ISSUES REGARDING CANNABIS IN THE
21 UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCESS WERE OUR
22 CORE TOPIC. WE MET CONSENSUS ON THE MAJORITY OF THE ISSUES,
23 AND, IN SUMMARY, A 300-PAGE DOCUMENT WAS CREATED BY THE O.C.M.
24 WE'RE HOPING THAT ANY MOTION REGARDING OUR INDUSTRY NOT BE
25 RUSHED, AND CONSIDER READING THE REPORT PRIOR TO ANY VOTE.

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1 THERE SHOULD BE A HEARING ON THE WHOLE SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS
2 AND NOT JUST PIECE OUT THE PROCESS. THAT REPORT CAN BE FOUND
3 AT CANNABIS.LACOUNTY.GOV, FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE NOT READ
4 IT. I FEEL VERY PROUD TO BE PART OF THAT GROUP, AND I WAS VERY
5 FORTUNATE TO BE AT THE TABLE. AND I'LL TELL YOU NOW THAT WE
6 HAD SOME VERY DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO
7 FIND A BALANCE ACROSS PUBLIC SAFETY AND A LOT OF ISSUES THAT
8 I'M HEARING AS A CONCERN HERE TODAY. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
9 YOUR TIME.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
12 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **DWAYNE DICKSON:** OKAY. MY NAME IS -- GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
15 DWAYNE DICKSON. I'M A REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR TURNING POINT,
16 THAT'S AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM LOCATED ON SANTA
17 ROSALIA, 3756. AND I GOT UP AT 6:00 THIS MORNING AND READ THE
18 AGENDA AND I NOTICED THAT YOU HAD AN INSERT ABOUT ESTABLISHING
19 A PROGRAM TO BOAST YOUR POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.
20 OUR PROGRAM OFFERS SERVICES TO YOUTH BETWEEN 12 AND 17, 18 AND
21 ABOVE. WE DEAL WITH DRUG AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION. WE DEAL WITH
22 ANGER MANAGEMENT. WE DEAL WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE DEAL WITH
23 LIFE SKILLS, WITH YOUTH AT THE AGE OF 14 AND 15 WHO'S ADMITTED
24 THAT THEY'RE ADDICTED TO CANNABIS MARIJUANA. THEIR ATTENTION
25 SPAN, FOCUS IS SO LIMITED, SO SHORT. YOU GOT TO TREAT THEM

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1 REAL FAST, UNLESS YOU'LL LOSE FOCUS. THEY'LL LOSE YOUR FOCUS.
2 AND SO WE'RE TRYING TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS THAT CAN GIVE THEM
3 OTHER OPTIONS BESIDES MEDICALLY -- I MEAN, SMOKING
4 RECREATIONALLY MARIJUANA. BECAUSE, ONE, I WAS IN SUPPORT OF
5 MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES ONLY, NOT RECREATIONAL
6 MARIJUANA, BECAUSE AS A REGIONAL COORDINATOR, I HAVE TO HAVE A
7 STRONG STAND AGAINST USING MARIJUANA, BECAUSE MY REGIONAL
8 POPULATION CANNOT GET A JOB SMOKING MARIJUANA. OUR YOUTH
9 CANNOT GRADUATE FROM SCHOOL SMOKING MARIJUANA. SO WE HAVE TO
10 ESTABLISH OTHER PROGRAMS, LIKE THE AFTER COUNTY PROGRAM. WE GO
11 OUT AND VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE TO ESTABLISH
12 PROGRAMS LIKE BASKETBALL, OLD-SCHOOL/NEW- SCHOOL BASKETBALL
13 PROGRAMS WHERE THE YOUTH CAN PARTICIPATE WITH THE OLD SCHOOL
14 AND LEARN OLD- SCHOOL VALUES TO NEW-SCHOOL KIDS. SO THESE
15 THINGS LIKE THAT GIVE KIDS OTHER OPTIONS. TAKING THEM TO THE
16 STAPLES CENTER TO SEE THE SPARKS PLAY. TAKING THEM TO THE
17 TOURNAMENT. WE GIVE THEM INCENTIVES. WE TRY TO ENCOURAGE THEM
18 TO ACT LIKE RESPECTFUL PEOPLE. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF I
19 CAN BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT PROGRAM TO HELP EXPAND OUR
20 SERVICES.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
23 YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL PROCEED WITH THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.
24 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I SIMPLY SUGGEST TO YOU THAT WE HAVE
25 QUITE A NUMBER OF ITEMS TO DISCUSS THIS MORNING, SEVERAL ITEMS

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1 ON THE AGENDA, AND WE'LL ASK THAT YOU BE MINDFUL OF THAT IN
2 YOUR TESTIMONY. PROCEED, PLEASE.

3

4 **MARIBEL BRISENO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARIBEL BRISENO. I
5 AM A RESIDENT IN MONTEBELLO. I WORK IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, AND
6 I AM ALSO A PROGRAM DIRECTOR. I RECEIVE FUNDING FROM S.A.P.C.
7 I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE HEALTH EQUITY MODEL FOR MANY
8 REASONS. I HAVE BEEN HEARING A LOT MENTIONING -- A LOT OF
9 INDIVIDUALS MENTIONING THE COMPARISON BETWEEN THE CANNABIS
10 MARIJUANA WITH ALCOHOL. AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO KNOW THAT
11 S.B.384 HAS NOT BEEN PASSED, AT LEAST, NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.
12 S.B.384 IS THE EXTENSION OF THE LIQUOR HOURS. I'M GLAD THAT
13 THAT HASN'T HAPPENED. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO REQUEST THAT IN
14 LOOKING AT THE EXISTING COUNTY HEARING BODIES, THAT THIS
15 COUNCIL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RETHINKING ACCESS TO MARIJUANA
16 COALITION THAT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE AND FUNDED THROUGH
17 S.A.P.C., SPECIFICALLY WORKING ON MARIJUANA. WE HAVE CONDUCTED
18 MANY ASSESSMENTS, AND WE HAVE DATA THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY THAT
19 WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE AND CONTINUE TO WORK IN THIS
20 FIELD. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT THERE BE CONSIDERATION IN
21 REGARDS TO FUNDING FOR PREVENTION. WE RECENTLY PASSED THE
22 MEDICAL -- THE DRUG MEDI-CAL. AND SO WE ARE ALREADY PAYING FOR
23 WHAT THIS MARIJUANA IS DOING IN OUR COMMUNITIES. US TAXPAYERS
24 THROUGH THIS MEDI-CAL ARE PAYING FOR IT ALREADY. SO I'M NOT
25 SURE HOW MUCH OF A FUNDING WE'RE GOING TO GET. REVENUE, I

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1 MEAN. SO, PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING THE FUNDING FOR
2 PREVENTION EFFORTS, AS YOU HAVE ADONE WITH TREATMENT FOR IT,
3 THE SUBSTANCES. ALSO, IN TAKING A HOLISTIC APPROACH WHEN WE'RE
4 TALKING ABOUT THE MODEL, YOU KNOW, I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT
5 MY COMMUNITY. WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF INDIVIDUALS THAT COME OUT
6 AND SPEAK AND ARE COURAGEOUS THAT WAY. D.C.F.S. IS ONE THAT
7 I'M CONCERNED ABOUT WITH THE KIDS AT HOME. IN MY OWN
8 NEIGHBORHOOD, HOW ARE THE KIDS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD GOING TO BE
9 PROTECTED IN THEIR OWN HOMES? AND ALSO --

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MA'AM?

12

13 **MARIBEL BRISENO:** THIS IS IT. I PROMISE.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** OKAY.

16

17 **MARIBEL BRISENO:** ENFORCEMENT. PLEASE, ENFORCEMENT IN WHATEVER
18 WE AGREE ON. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
21 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **JONATAN CVETKO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO BEGIN
24 THIS MORNING BY THANKING SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHO CAME OUT TO
25 VISIT US THIS WEEKEND FOR OUR EXPANDED CLINIC WITH PROP 64

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1 ANNIVERSARY. MY NAME IS JONATAN CVETKO. I'M THE COFOUNDER OF
2 ANGELES EMERALDS. ANGELES EMERALDS IS AN ASSOCIATION OF
3 PATIENTS, ADVOCATES, BUSINESS OWNERS, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS
4 WORKING TOWARDS RESPONSIBLE CANNABIS REGULATIONS IN L.A.
5 COUNTY. I'D LIKE TO START WITH THE OBSERVATION OF WHAT THE
6 DIFFERENCE HAS BEEN IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS CAN MAKE. SINCE I
7 WAS HERE LAST BEFORE YOU, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF POSITIVE
8 CHANGE TOWARDS DEVELOPING A RESPONSIBLE CANNABIS POLICY IN
9 L.A. COUNTY. AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY'S ADVISORY GROUP, I'D
10 LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION
11 OF THOUGHTFUL AND TRANSPARENT PROCESS THAT ALLOWED OUR
12 COMMUNITIES TO HAVE A VOICE IN THIS PROCESS. I'D LIKE TO ALSO
13 APPLAUD JOE NICCHITTA AND HIS STAFF FOR THEIR DILIGENT WORK TO
14 ENSURE A ROBUST AND RESPECTFUL PROCESS FOR ALL. THEY
15 REPRESENTED THIS BOARD WELL IN THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO
16 PROVIDE SOME COMMENTS TODAY REGARDING THE ORDINANCE BEFORE THE
17 BOARD REQUIRING CONSIDERATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS. THERE
18 HAVE BEEN MANY SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS AMONGST ANGELES EMERALDS
19 MEMBERS THAT IF ADOPTED, THIS POLICY COULD AMOUNT TO A DE
20 FACTO BAN IN L.A. COUNTY. THROUGH OUR ADVOCATES, WE HAVE
21 RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM THE BOARD'S STAFF THAT THIS IS NOT
22 THE INTENTION FOR THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE, THAT THE INTENT OF
23 THE MOTION IS TO ALLOW THE INCLUSION AND FUTURE DISCRETION OF
24 PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS IN THE LICENSING PROCESS. WE ACCEPT THIS
25 AND WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS' LEADERSHIP IN

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1 ENSURING THAT WE GATHER ALL THE DATA NEEDED TO INFORM FUTURE
2 LICENSING DECISIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ASK THE BOARD BE
3 MINDFUL OF ANY UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES THAT MAY RESULT FROM
4 THIS POLICY AND ORDINANCE. WE FURTHER ASK THAT AS THIS
5 ORDINANCE MOVES FORWARD, THAT THE BOARD COMMIT TO ENSURING
6 THAT ANY UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES ARE BOTH MINIMIZED AND
7 APPROPRIATELY MITIGATED. SUCH A COMMITMENT WILL GO FAR TO
8 ADDRESS CONCERNS AMONGST ANGELES EMERALDS MEMBERS AND, I
9 BELIEVE, OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE
10 THAT WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN PART OF THIS PROCESS AND
11 REFLECT HOURS UPON HOURS OF HARD WORK FROM ALL THE STAFF AND
12 STAKEHOLDERS. I'M AVAILABLE AND WELCOME TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO
13 WORK WITH THE BOARD AND YOUR STAFF TO MAKE SURE THAT POLICIES
14 ARE ADOPTED ACCOMPLISH THE BOARD'S GOALS WITH MINIMIZING
15 UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND
16 LEADERSHIP ON THIS.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
19 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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21 **TERESA PALACIOS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME TERESA PALACIOS. I'M
22 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EASTMONT COMMUNITY CENTER IN EAST
23 LOS ANGELES. I'M ALSO A COMMUNITY MEMBER OF DISTRICT 1. FIRST
24 OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR GIVING US THE
25 OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR

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1 SOLIS, FOR EXPRESSING YOUR GENUINE CONCERNS ABOUT EAST L.A.
2 AND THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY. I'M HERE TO TALK
3 IN FAVOR OF THE SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED. WE
4 ALREADY KNEW, BUT ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY, IT'S NEW TO ALL THIS
5 AND WE DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING TO -- THIS IS GOING
6 TO AFFECT US SOCIALLY AND HEALTH-WISE. AND THAT'S WHY I AM
7 HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY TO LET YOU KNOW THAT
8 IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE HEARD, TO HAVE A VOICE, AND TO LET
9 US BE A PART OF THE PROCESS AND BE PART OF THE
10 DECISIONMAKING. IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE THINK THIS COULD BE A
11 SOUND AND PRACTICAL APPROACH. AND A SECTION OF THE MOTION WILL
12 MAKE THE COMMUNITY FEEL EMPOWERED TO ADDRESS CONCERNS
13 REGARDING THE HEALTH IMPACT ON OUR YOUTH, ESPECIALLY. AND
14 THAT'S WHY WE SUPPORT, WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE MOTION AS
15 PRESENTED BY SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HILDA SOLIS. THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
19 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **MICHELLE PERKINS:** HI, MY NAME IS MICHELLE PERKINS. I'M THE
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TURNING POINT ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION
23 PROGRAM. I'M SITTING HERE TODAY. WE ARE NO LONGER RECEIVING
24 FUNDING FROM S.A.P.C. WE WAS A DIRECT PROVIDER WITH THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES. THE MASTER AGREEMENT

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1 QUALIFICATIONS FELL SHORT. WE FELL SHORT OF THE FOUR YEARS'
2 QUALIFICATIONS. WE HAD A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT, AND WE WERE
3 DENIED A MASTER AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO
4 AT-YOUTH RISK AGES 12 TO 17 AND ADULTS. WE CURRENTLY ARE
5 WORKING ON HELPING FAMILIES REUNITE WITH THEIR CHILDREN,
6 MOTHERS OF INCARCERATED, THAT WAS FORMERLY INCARCERATED,
7 BRIDGING THE GAPS BETWEEN SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND FOR RIGHT NOW,
8 WE HAVE NO FUNDING TO MOVE FORWARD TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE DRUG
9 AND ALCOHOL SERVICES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. WE'RE IN DISTRICT
10 2, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY
13 THIS ITEM DOES NOT PERTAIN TO GRANT-MAKING AND THE LIKE. I'M
14 GOING TO HAVE SOMEONE SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT THAT, AND YOU CAN
15 FOLLOW-UP WITH THEM, IF YOU JUST TAKE A SEAT RIGHT OVER THERE.
16 BUT I'M GOING TO ENCOURAGE THE BALANCE OF THE SPEAKERS TO
17 FOCUS ON THE ITEM THAT IS BEFORE US. IT DOES NOT HAVE
18 IMPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDING AT THIS MOMENT. NEXT SPEAKER,
19 PLEASE.

20

21 **MATTHEW GARLAND:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MATTHEW
22 GARLAND. I'M A MEMBER OF THE CANNABIS ADVISORY WORKING GROUP
23 REPRESENTING THE FOURTH DISTRICT. THANK YOU FOR THIS
24 DISCUSSION AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I'M SPEAKING IN FAVOR
25 OF THE RECOMMENDATION. HEALTH EQUITY AND COMMUNITY SAFEGUARDS

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1 ARE OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE. MY CONCERN IS THAT THIS
2 RECOMMENDATION IS BEING CONSIDERED INDEPENDENT OF THE ADVISORY
3 WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS IN ENTIRETY. THE DISCUSSION ON
4 CANNABIS REGULATIONS TOUCHES ON SO MANY INNER ISSUES, HEALTH
5 EQUITY, ENFORCEMENT, EQUITY LAND USE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE,
6 COMMUNITY SAFEGUARDS, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CONSUMER
7 PROTECTIONS, ET CETERA. MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WE CAME TO
8 CONSENSUS ON, INCLUDING NUMBER 32, ARE INTERDEPENDENT ON ONE
9 ANOTHER AND MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF
10 THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATION PACKET. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT EQUITABLE
11 ACCESS TO HEALTH RESOURCES AS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE ENTIRE
12 ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATION REPORT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **PATRICIA DE LA TORRE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PATRICIA DE LA
18 TORRE, PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF PLAZA COMMUNITY SERVICES. WE'RE
19 LOCATED IN EAST LOS ANGELES. WE PROVIDE CHILD DEVELOPMENT,
20 EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY. PLAZA SUPPORTS
21 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HEALTH EQUITY MODEL. I'M ASKING THE
22 BOARD TO PLEASE CONSIDER THE NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES AS A
23 RESULT OF THE CANNABIS USE. IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE ARE SEEING AN
24 INCREASE OF YOUTH GIVING BIRTH TO INFANTS BORN PREMATURE WITH
25 DECREASED BIRTH WEIGHT DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF CARBON MONOXIDE

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1 ON THE DEVELOPING FETUS. IN ADDITION, STUDIES HAVE SHOWN
2 CANNABIS USE IS SIGNIFICANTLY LINKED TO MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS,
3 ESPECIALLY DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, SCHIZOPHRENIA AND PSYCHOSIS.
4 PLEASE CONSIDER OUR CONCERNS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
8 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER NOW.

9

10 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** HI, GOOD EVENING, BOARD. MY NAME IS
11 REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE, BORN AND RAISED SOUTH L.A., CHUMASH
12 ANCESTRY. SINCE 2013, WE GAVE YOU PROPOSALS, ESPECIALLY FOR
13 DISTRICT 1 AND 2, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OUR CONSTITUENTS ARE
14 SUFFERING IN EAST L.A. AND SOUTH L.A. THE MOST. SO IN JANUARY
15 2013 I SENT YOU ONE, FEBRUARY 2014, 2015 APRIL, AND DECEMBER
16 OF 2016, AND THEN THE MOST RECENT MODEL 2017, OF WHICH WE
17 ASKED U MAYBE 12 TIMES FOR A MEETING. CELINE PINTADO DID NOT
18 DO SO, AND KATHLEEN AUSTRIA HAS LIED TO US IN THE LAST FOUR
19 YEARS SINCE 2013. I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU NOW WANT TO
20 PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA FOR REGULATING CANNABIS, WHEN CANNABIS
21 IS NOT THE PROBLEM, LIQUOR STORES IS NOT THE PROBLEM. IT'S
22 CUTTING THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, MISAPPROPRIATING FUNDS, GIVING
23 MONEY TO DANNY BAKEWELL, TO THE LOCAL CHURCH PASTORS, BUT OUR
24 KIDS IN THE STREETS THAT'S BEEN ASKING FOR A CENTER JUST LIKE
25 THIS, THIS IS A MODEL, LIVE AND DIRECT IN FRONT OF YOU, THAT

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1 WAS ASKING FOR \$15,000 STARTUP COSTS SINCE 2013, AND INSTEAD
2 OF EVEN MEETING WITH US, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU SUCK. YOU
3 GAVE KATHLEEN AUSTRIA THE HAND. AND SHE NEVER, EVER READ ONE
4 PROPOSAL WE SENT TO HER, AS SHE TOLD ME LAST WEEK. EVEN A
5 LETTER OF SUPPORT WE ASKED SINCE 2013, SHE NEVER GAVE. THIS IS
6 RIDICULOUS NOW THAT YOU'VE PUT IT ON THE AGENDA THAT YOU WANT
7 TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. AND THEN OLIVIA VASQUEZ WE ASKED FOR
8 OUR HEADQUARTERS IN YOUR DISTRICT, SOLIS, THAT SHE SAID THAT
9 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS TO PAY FOR OUR HEADQUARTERS FOR OUR
10 PREVENTION CENTER FOR YOUTH, FOR OUR TEENS WHO ARE SUFFERING
11 THROUGH DEPRESSION BECAUSE THERE'S NO RESOURCES. SO FORGET
12 ABOUT THE CANNABIS AND THE LIQUOR. FUND THE PROGRAMS WE ASKED
13 YOU SINCE 2013. HAVE A STAFF MEMBER THAT CAN READ PROPOSALS.
14 THEN WE CAN TALK BUSINESS. BUT NOW THIS IS [EXPLETIVE].

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NOW I'M GOING TO SAY SOMETHING TO
17 YOU, REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE. YOUR CLOSING COMMENTS ARE
18 INCONSISTENT WITH THE REVEREND DOCTOR STATUS. NEXT SPEAKER,
19 PLEASE. THANK YOU.

20

21 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** DISGRACE!

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1 >>SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: YOU'RE FORFEITING YOUR
2 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AGAIN. YOU'RE BEING DISRUPTIVE. YOU WILL
3 NOT -- LET ME JUST SAY THIS TO YOU. (YELLING). YOU'RE
4 DISRUPTING THE MEETING. MS. DESIRE, YOU WILL NEED TO LEAVE.
5 YOU WILL NEED TO LEAVE. SERGEANTS? SERGEANTS? MELLO DESIRE
6 WILL NEED NOT TO BE HERE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD MEETING.
7 SERGEANT, I TRUST THAT YOU'VE HEARD WHAT I SAID. MS. DESIRE,
8 YOU MUST EXIT THE PREMISES. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. (YELLING
9 CONTINUES). THANK YOU. PROCEED.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS -- I'M FROM U.C.L.A.'S
12 SUBSTANCE ABUSE INTEGRATED RESEARCH PROGRAMS. WE HAVE A CENTER
13 AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AT U.C.L.A., AND WE STUDY
14 ISSUES RELATED TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND THE IMPACT OF
15 PUBLIC POLICY ON THE HEALTH AND DEVELOPING OF COMMUNITIES IN
16 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AND THE NATION. WE ARE VERY ENCOURAGED
17 BY THE MOTION BY SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HILDA
18 SOLIS ON CREATING A HEALTH EQUITY MODEL FOR CANNABIS
19 BUSINESSES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND STRONGLY ENDORSE IT. WE
20 DO NOT SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY; HOWEVER, AS
21 INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND RESEARCHERS, WE BELIEVE THAT
22 THIS MOTION IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AS LOS ANGELES
23 ENTERS THE NEW WORLD OF CANNABIS REGULATION. RESEARCHER HAS
24 DEMONSTRATED THAT THE MORE CANNABIS IS AVAILABLE AT THE LOCAL
25 LEVEL, THE HIGHER THE RATES OF CANNABIS USE, THE FREQUENCY OF

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1 USE, VAPING, AND CONSUMPTION OF EDIBLE PRODUCTS. WHILE
2 CANNABIS CAN BE THERAPEUTICALLY BENEFICIAL, FOR SOME
3 INDIVIDUALS, IT CAN ALSO CAUSE SIGNIFICANT HARM, PARTICULARLY
4 AMONG YOUTH. THUS, TO ENSURE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NETWORK
5 OF CANNABIS RETAILERS DOES NOT ADVERSELY IMPACT THE HEALTH AND
6 DEVELOPING OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITIES, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BE
7 CAUTIOUS WHEN CONSIDERING HOW AND WHERE THEY WILL BE
8 ESTABLISHED. THIS IS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL IN LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY, WHICH IS THE MOST POPULOUS IN THE COUNTRY, WITH 88
10 CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT RANGE WIDELY IN
11 SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES, AND ACCESS TO
12 HEALTHCARE. BY COMPREHENSIVELY EVALUATING THE IMPACT THAT NEW
13 CANNABIS RETAILERS WILL HAVE ON COMMUNITY HEALTH, THE NEW
14 COUNTY BODY WILL HELP ENSURE THAT LOS ANGELES WILL SAFEGUARD
15 PUBLIC HEALTH WHILE THIS CANNABIS INDUSTRY DEVELOPS. CREATING
16 A NEW GRANT PROGRAM FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, SUBSTANCE-USE
17 DISORDER, TREATMENT, DRUG PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
18 IN HIGH-NEED AREAS WILL HELP MITIGATE MANY NEGATIVE IMPACTS.
19 THANK YOU.

20
21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
22 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THAT CONCLUDES THE SPEAKERS LIST FOR
23 THOSE THAT WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM. EACH OF US HAS HAD
24 AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THIS POINT IN TIME. IT'S MY VIEW
25 THAT WE CAN DISPOSE OF THE MATTER WITH YOUR PERMISSION. I SEE

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1 NO OBJECTIONS TO THAT. SUPERVISOR HAHN MOVES. SUPERVISOR
2 BARGER SECONDS. THE ITEM IS NOW BEFORE US. PLEASE RECORD A
3 UNANIMOUS VOTE. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

4

5 **LORI GLASGOW:** THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE YOU IS ITEM NUMBER 6
6 REGARDING THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL. THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THERE ARE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE
8 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR?

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S A GREAT
13 PLEASURE TO BRING THIS MOTION TODAY. WE HAVE HAD A LONG
14 HISTORY IN THE COUNTY IN DIFFERENT WAYS OF ATTEMPTING TO
15 PROVIDE SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO ARE SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC
16 VIOLENCE, THOSE WHO ARE ABUSERS AND WISH TO ENGAGE IN
17 TREATMENT. AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
18 COAUTHORING THIS. IT'S INTERESTING TO ME, WE, IN OUR
19 INVOCATION THIS MORNING, WE WERE CALLED UPON TO REMEMBER THOSE
20 WHO HAD BEEN SHOT IN TEXAS. AND INFORMATION KEEPS COMING OUT,
21 OBVIOUSLY, ABOUT OUR VARIOUS SHOOTERS IN AMERICA, AND THE
22 SHOOTER IN TEXAS WAS AN ABUSER, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PERPETRATOR,
23 AS WAS THE SHOOTER IN VEGAS. AND AS WE LOOK AT THE HISTORIES
24 OF SO MANY PEOPLE WHO ENGAGE IN VIOLENT BEHAVIOR, WE FIND THAT
25 THEY AS CHILDREN GREW UP IN VIOLENT HOUSEHOLDS, AND THE IMPACT

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1 ON SOCIETY HAS BEEN ENORMOUS. THIS COUNTY WAS ONE OF THE
2 LEADERS EARLY ON IN PUTTING TOGETHER A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
3 COUNCIL AND FOR MANY YEARS WAS VERY ROBUST. IT CERTAINLY HAS
4 CONTINUED TO GO ON BUT --

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PARDON ME FOR A MOMENT, SUPERVISOR.
7 SERGEANT, IS THERE ANY REASON WHY THAT DISTURBANCE CAN'T BE
8 TAKEN OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING? IS THERE AN ISSUE? SUPERVISORS
9 WISHING TO BE HEARD. THAT'S VERY DISTRACTING. AND MENTAL
10 HEALTH AND THE LIKE SHOULD BE ON BOARD TO DO WHAT THEY NEED TO
11 DO. BUT PRESUMABLY IT CAN BE HANDLED IN A WAY THAT IT DOESN'T
12 FURTHER DISRUPT THE MEETING. SORRY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, PLEASE
13 PROCEED.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT'S OKAY. I BELIEVE THAT MANY PEOPLE IN
16 THE AUDIENCE ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUE, AND I'M VERY
17 GRATEFUL AT THE WAY THE COUNTY HAS STEPPED UP OVER THE YEARS
18 TO HELP US. BUT SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I BELIEVE THAT IT'S TIME
19 TO STEP UP YET AGAIN. I WANT TO THANK VERY MUCH THE DEPARTMENT
20 OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR AGREEING TO BE THE HOME BASE NOW FOR THIS
21 COUNCIL. THE RECOGNITION THAT THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE
22 HAS BEEN LONG COMING. AND I THINK THIS IS A VERY APPROPRIATE
23 PLACE. ALSO, WE HAVE ADDED A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE
24 AGREED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, AND WE ARE INSTRUCTING
25 THEM ALSO, OF COURSE, AS MEMBERS TO HELP STEP UP AND PROVIDE

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1 SOME FUNDING FOR THE COUNCIL AS WELL AS A NEW APPOINTMENT OF
2 AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. SO WITH THAT, I THINK THERE'S A COUPLE
3 OF PEOPLE THAT WANT TO ADDRESS US ON THIS, AND I KNOW THE
4 CHAIR WILL CALL ON OTHERS OF MY COLLEAGUES TO SAY SOMETHING
5 ABOUT IT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES SUPERVISOR
8 BARGER, WHO HAS INDICATED SHE WISHES TO BE HEARD. AND WE'LL
9 PROCEED FROM THERE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
12 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I KNOW,
13 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THAT THIS HAS BEEN SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE
14 BEEN WORKING ON SINCE YOUR DAYS UP IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY. AND
15 YOU REALLY HAVE BEEN A CHAMPION AS IT RELATES TO ISSUES
16 SURROUNDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS I'M
17 FINDING IN THE COUNTY, AND THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE ARE
18 THINKING AND LOOKING AT THINGS IN A DIFFERENT WAY, AND I JUST
19 WANT TO SAY THAT I SUPPORT THIS WHOLEHEARTEDLY BUT I WANT TO
20 MAKE SURE THAT WE LOOK AT EXISTING RESOURCES FIRST, BECAUSE I
21 THINK THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO DO A BETTER JOB WITHIN
22 THE EXISTING RESOURCES WE HAVE. AND COORDINATING AND INCLUDING
23 IN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL IS SOMETHING THAT I
24 COMPLETELY SUPPORT. IN ADDITION, IN TERMS OF INCREASING IT.
25 BUT ONE OF THE THINGS I WOULD ASK IS THAT I KNOW THAT THE

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1 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL COMPOSITION
2 STRUCTURE IS DUE BACK IN 90 DAYS FOR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD,
3 AND I WOULD JUST ASK THAT THE BOARD'S DONE -- BEFORE THOSE
4 CHANGES ARE IMPLEMENTED, THAT WE GET THAT REPORT. I GUESS WE
5 HAVE TO VOTE ON IT. SO I WANT TO BE ABLE TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE
6 NOT CHANGING THE COUNTY ORDINANCE OR CHARTER AS IT RELATES TO
7 THIS UNTIL WE CAN REVIEW IT. DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MY ASSUMPTION IS THAT
10 THAT WOULD BE PART OF THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE PURSUANT
11 TO THE INSTRUCTIONS.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, YEAH, BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY
14 THE BOARD BEFORE COUNTY COUNSEL UPDATES AND ADVISES THE
15 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL BYLAWS.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THE ONE THING THAT WE SAID IN THE MOTION IS
18 THAT WE DO WANT TO GO AHEAD WITH THE SEARCH FOR OUR EXECUTIVE
19 DIRECTOR AND ASK THAT THE REPORT COME 90 DAYS AFTER THE
20 APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SO THAT THERE WOULD BE
21 SOMEONE TO MAKE THE REPORT ABOUT THE NEW STRUCTURE. BUT I
22 DON'T BELIEVE WE WILL BE EXPENDING -- THERE WON'T BE
23 PROGRAMMATIC FUNDS EXPENDED. THE ONLY THING REALLY IS WE'RE
24 ASKING EACH DEPARTMENT TO STEP UP, AS THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN

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1 ALL ALONG, SIMPLY TO SUPPORT THE COUNCIL, BUT IT'S PENNIES,
2 REALLY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MY ASSUMPTION IS THAT THE MOTION
5 WILL RESPECT ALL EXISTING ORDINANCES AND IF THERE IS AN ISSUE
6 IN THAT REGARD THAT IT BUMPS UP AGAINST, THE COUNTY COUNSEL
7 WILL CALL THAT TO OUR ATTENTION AND WILL MAKE THE APPROPRIATE
8 MID-COURSE CORRECTION. THERE'S NOTHING THAT'S DESIGNED HERE TO
9 BE VIOLATIVE OF HOW WE HAVE SOUGHT TO DO BUSINESS. IT IS JUST
10 SIMPLY SEEKING TO PLACE IT IN A CONTEXT WHERE IT CAN FLOURISH.

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND I KNOW YOU ADDED ON PROBATION,
13 SHERIFF, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PUBLIC DEFENDER AND A.P.D., AS
14 WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** CORRECT. WE ALSO ADDED A.P.D. TO THE
17 MEMBERSHIP, BECAUSE THEY HAD INADVERTENTLY BEEN LEFT OUT. WE
18 FIGURE IF THEY'RE GOING TO STEP UP TO SUPPORT, THEY SHOULD
19 REALLY BE ON IT.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER.
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, PLEASE.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I WON'T SAY A WHOLE LOT, EXCEPT
25 THAT I SUPPORT SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I'M REALLY PROUD OF HER

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1 WORK, HER STAFF AND GENETHIA HAYES ON HER STAFF THAT WORKED
2 WITH OUR STAFF THROUGH DIFFERENT ITERATIONS, AND HOW IMPORTANT
3 IT IS. THIS IS REALLY NOT SO MUCH A DO-OVER, AS SOME WOULD
4 SAY, BECAUSE IT REALLY IS EMPOWERING THIS COUNCIL. IT'S GOING
5 TO BE PLACED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, WHICH IS
6 APPROPRIATE, I BELIEVE, AND FAR-REACHING. I DO KNOW THAT THIS
7 IS AN ISSUE THAT ALL OF US THINK ABOUT ALL THE TIME. AND ALL
8 YOU HAVE TO DO IS LOOK IN THE NEWS. BUT WE KNOW THAT THERE'S
9 MUCH MORE THAT WE HAVE TO DO. AND UNFORTUNATELY, OUR CHILDREN
10 ARE THE ONES THAT ARE FACED WITH THE MOST TRAGIC EXPOSURE TO
11 THESE EVENTS, AND THAT CAN BE DISPLAYED IN DIFFERENT WAYS THAT
12 WE SEE -- HAVE SEEN MANIFESTED HERE IN FRONT OF US BEFORE THE
13 BOARD. SO, TRAUMA, INFORMED CARE IS REALLY IMPORTANT, AND
14 UNDERSTANDING HOW ALSO TO TREAT THE VICTIMS BUT ALSO THE
15 ABUSERS. AND SO MUCH HAS TO BE DONE. I RECALL SEVERAL HEARINGS
16 THAT WE HAD IN SACRAMENTO WHERE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DOESN'T --
17 IS NOT SEPARATED BY INCOME, WEALTH, OR ETHNICITY. YOU COULD BE
18 A JUDGE. YOU COULD BE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. YOU COULD BE
19 A LAWYER. AND WE HAD MANY PEOPLE COME AND TESTIFY, AS I
20 RECALL. AND ABUSERS ARE ABUSERS. AND I'M HAPPY THAT WE'RE
21 MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION. AGAIN, I WANT TO APPLAUD YOU AND
22 LOOK FORWARD TO THIS DYNAMIC COUNCIL COMING TOGETHER. THANK
23 YOU. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AS THE SPEAKERS ARE
2 CALLED -- AND IT OUGHT TO BE DOCUMENTED, IN THE UNITED STATES,
3 24 PERSONS PER MINUTE ARE SUBJECTED TO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE OR
4 SEXUAL ASSAULT OR STALKING BY WHAT IS OFTEN DESCRIBED AS AN
5 INTIMATE PARTNER. THIS DATA COMES FROM THE NATIONAL INTIMATE
6 PARTNER AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVEYS. AND WE WERE REMINDED OF
7 THIS AND HOW BADLY THINGS CAN GET OUT OF CONTROL ON SUNDAY IN
8 THE INCIDENTS WHERE 26 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND AN ADDITIONAL
9 20- SOME-ODD INDIVIDUALS WERE HARMED. IN A CHURCH. IN TEXAS.
10 AND HAD BEEN.. THE RESULT OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SCENE IN
11 TERMS OF THE HISTORY OF ASSAULTING HIS FIRST AND SECOND WIVES
12 AND HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED FOR SEXUALLY ASSAULTING OTHER WOMEN.
13 THINGS CAN JUST ABSOLUTELY SPIRAL OUT OF CONTROL, UNLESS THOSE
14 ENTITIES THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE STEP UP. SO I WANT TO TAKE THIS
15 MOTION AS AN ATTEMPT TO DO PRECISELY THAT. I TAKE THE
16 AMENDMENTS AS AN ATTEMPT TO DO THAT. WE ARE YET FORCED AGAIN
17 TO CONFRONT A PAINFUL TRUTH, AND THAT IS THAT DOMESTIC
18 VIOLENCE IS OFTEN A CANARY IN A COAL MINE FOR FUTURE VIOLENCE.
19 AND WE OUGHTN'T BE SILENT. WE OUGHTN'T BE INATTENTIVE. WE
20 OUGHT TO ACT ON WHAT WE KNOW. THEREFORE, I COMMEND THE AUTHOR
21 AND THE COAUTHOR FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION BEFORE US. MADAME
22 EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

23

24 **LORI GLASGOW:** ITEM NUMBER 6 AS AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU. BEFORE
25 YOU VOTE, THOUGH, THERE ARE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE REQUESTED

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1 TO SPEAK. AMY GOLDMAN, PLEASE COME FORWARD. AMY GOLDMAN AND
2 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, PLEASE.

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6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I JUST ALSO WANTED
7 TO OFFER MY SUPPORT FOR THIS AND APPRECIATE SUPERVISORS KUEHL
8 AND SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I THINK IT'S ALWAYS AN
9 APPROPRIATE TIME TO REALLY CONTINUE TO BRING AWARENESS TO THIS
10 ISSUE. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I THINK WHAT WE'RE DOING IS, YOU
11 KNOW, REALLY IDENTIFYING THIS AS A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM. YOU
12 KNOW, IT HASN'T BEEN TALKED A LOT ABOUT, BUT THERE'S A CLEAR
13 CONNECTION TO OUR HOMELESS POPULATION AS IT RELATES TO THOSE
14 WHO ARE FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATIONS IN THEIR HOME.
15 PEOPLE ARE ON OUR STREETS FOR A LOT OF REASONS. BUT ONE OF
16 THEM, WE HAVE MANY WOMEN WHO ARE ON OUR STREETS, BECAUSE
17 THEY'RE NOT SAFE AT HOME. THEY HAVE A HOME. THEY JUST DON'T
18 WANT TO LIVE THERE. AND ONE OF THE THINGS I'M MOST PROUD OF
19 THAT I DID IN CONGRESS WAS TO CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE FOR OUR
20 VETERANS, MANY OF WHOM ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AND
21 THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY UNABLE TO ACCESS VETERANS' BENEFITS FOR
22 THE HOMELESS, BECAUSE THEY HAD A HOME BUT CHOSE NOT TO LIVE IN
23 IT. SO WE CLOSED THAT LOOP AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, SO THAT IF
24 YOU'RE A VETERAN WHO'S CHOOSING NOT TO BE IN YOUR HOME BECAUSE
25 OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, YOU CAN ACCESS HOMELESS BENEFITS FOR

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1 VETERANS. SO I APPRECIATE THIS. I THINK IT'S RIGHT. AND, YOU
2 KNOW, LISTENING TO DR. FERRER'S PREVIOUS POWERPOINT ABOUT KIDS
3 THAT USE MARIJUANA, AND WE DIDN'T REALLY FOCUS ON IT, BUT
4 THAT'S FOR LIKE A WHOLE OTHER DISCUSSION WHEN THE KIDS WHO USE
5 MARIJUANA ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE -- AND THEN THERE WAS A
6 WHOLE LIST -- FEEL SAD, FEEL HOPELESS, HAVE BEEN BULLIED. BUT
7 I'M SURE THERE IS SOMETHING GOING ON AT HOME THAT COULD BE
8 ABSOLUTELY RELATED TO A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION. SO I
9 REALLY APPRECIATE THIS. HOPEFULLY, THIS RAISES THE AWARENESS
10 AND WE CAN PROVIDE THE KIND OF SUPPORT AND HELP TO THOSE WHO
11 FIND THEMSELVES IN THOSE SITUATIONS. SO I REALLY WANT TO THAT
12 BOTH OF YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD TODAY.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE FLOOR IS
15 YOURS, MA'AM, TO BE HEARD.

16

17 **AMY GOLDMAN:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS AMY GOLDMAN. I'M A DOMESTIC
18 VIOLENCE ATTORNEY AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF L.A.
19 COUNTY, AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. I
20 THINK ELEVATING AND STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE DOMESTIC
21 VIOLENCE COUNCIL IS REALLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT STEPS THE
22 COUNTY HAS TAKEN IN YEARS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF DOMESTIC
23 VIOLENCE AND HOW IT AFFECTS FAMILIES ACROSS THE COUNTY. SO THE
24 CHANGES PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL WILL REALLY ALLOW THE
25 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL TO INFORM POLICIES AND ENSURE THAT

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1 THE NEEDS OF SURVIVORS ARE ACTUALLY CONSIDERED IN
2 DECISIONMAKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY. SO WHEN WE ARE THINKING
3 ABOUT HOUSING, WHEN WE'RE THINKING ABOUT GENERAL SAFETY,
4 HEALTHCARE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND PUBLIC BENEFITS, DOMESTIC
5 VIOLENCE ALWAYS NEEDS TO BE AT THE TABLE. AND WITH THE
6 STRENGTHENING OF THE COUNCIL, WE WILL BE AT THE TABLE. WE WILL
7 BE A PART OF THAT DISCUSSION. AND WE ABSOLUTELY NEED
8 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO MAKE SURE THAT VOICE IS HEARD AND THE
9 ISSUES UNIQUE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS ARE ADDRESSED.
10 THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
13 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
16 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF THAT
17 MOTION. I THINK AT THE COUNTY WE HAVE A PROGRAM DEALING WITH
18 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. I THINK IT HAS BEEN VERY LOW-KEY AND DID
19 NOT HAVE THE STRENGTH NOR THE POWER TO MAKE CHANGES. I WILL
20 HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU LOOK OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY FOR THE
21 PERSON IN CHARGE OF THAT PROGRAM, BECAUSE MYSELF, LIKE I SAID,
22 I HAVE NOT SEEN VIGOROUS DEALING WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HERE.
23 AND ONE THING MANY OF YOU OFTEN TALK ABOUT IS THAT, YOU KNOW,
24 RECOVERY OF PEOPLE WHO GO TO JAIL AND SEEK TO BE REINTEGRATED,
25 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ABUSE, THE RECOVERY IS 1 PERCENT.

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1 IT'S THE LOWEST RECOVERY OF ANYTHING. YOU KNOW, YOU TALK ABOUT
2 ALCOHOL AND DRUGS. PEOPLE CAN BE REHABILITATED. SEXUAL ABUSE
3 AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS ABOUT 1 PERCENT. SO I THINK TO REALLY
4 HOP ON IT AND ESTABLISH PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WHO ARE ABUSED CAN
5 FIND RECOURSE, ESPECIALLY FAMILIES. I THINK THIS IS THE MAIN
6 PORTION. AND ESPECIALLY FOR GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY, BECAUSE
7 A FEW YEARS AGO, THERE WAS ONLY ONE PROGRAM FOR THE ENTIRE
8 STATE DEALING WITH LESBIAN AND GAY. SO, REALLY, WORK VERY HARD
9 ON THAT. AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER, BUT A FEW MONTHS
10 AGO, WE HAD TWO LAWSUITS, WHICH WE LOST, ON SEXUAL ABUSE IN
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. AND WE GOT AN EXTREME PENALTY,
12 BECAUSE WE REALLY DID NOTHING TO CHANGE TO PREVENT IT TO
13 HAPPEN AGAIN. SO, LOOK IN OUR OWN BACKYARD ON THAT ONE. THANK
14 YOU FOR DOING IT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
17 PLEASE.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** JUST ONE MORE WORD, BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE
20 HAVE REFERRED TO IT. THE COUNTY SERVES MILLIONS AND MILLIONS
21 OF PEOPLE EVERY WEEK, AND THERE IS NO PART OF OUR COUNTY
22 SERVICE THAT ISN'T TOUCHED IN SOME WAY BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
23 WE DON'T ALWAYS SEE THE TOTAL CONNECTION. BUT I REMEMBER
24 REPORTS FROM ANIMAL WELFARE INDICATING THAT WOMEN DROPPING OFF
25 THEIR PETS SAYING, "MY HUSBAND WON'T LET ME KEEP THIS PET

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1 ANYMORE," AND NOTICING, YOU KNOW, SOME BRUISES ON THE WOMAN.
2 AND THEY'RE NOT MANDATORY REPORTERS THERE, BUT WE BEGAN TO
3 TALK ABOUT HOW PERVASIVE. 80 PERCENT OF THE WOMEN THAT WE
4 VISITED OVER THE COURSE OF OUR TIME IN THE LEGISLATURE IN OUR
5 JAILS AND PRISONS WERE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THE
6 HOMELESS COUNT THAT WENT ON LAST YEAR SHOWED US THAT A VERY
7 HIGH PERCENTAGE OF THE WOMEN ON THE STREET WERE VICTIMS OF
8 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THIS IS A SOCIAL ISSUE THAT TOUCHES SO MUCH
9 OF WHAT WE DO. AND A ROBUST COUNCIL WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM
10 SO MANY OF OUR DEPARTMENTS IS A VERY, VERY GOOD WAY TO MAKE
11 CERTAIN THAT WE'RE TAKING ALL OF THAT INTO ACCOUNT. SO I THANK
12 MY COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. THE MATTER IS BEFORE
15 US, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND, THEREFORE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL
16 MOVES. SUPERVISOR SOLIS SECONDS. SEEING NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE
17 RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. AS AMENDED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
18 MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I'M GOING TO ASK IF YOU WOULD BE
19 KIND ENOUGH TO TAKE THE NEXT ITEM UP ON THE ISSUE OF JUVENILE
20 DIVERSION, AND WE CAN PROVIDE FROM THERE, WITH THE CONSENT OF
21 THE BOARD.

22

23 **LORI GLASGOW:** THAT IS A ROAD MAP FOR ADVANCING YOUTH DIVERSION
24 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THERE ARE SEVERAL COUNTY STAFF, LED BY
25 MARK DELGADO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL

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1 JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE, HERE TO PRESENT, AND THERE ARE
2 15 INDIVIDUALS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY
5 THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MATTER THAT HAS GOTTEN QUITE A BIT OF
6 ATTENTION. IT'S GOING TO EFFECTIVELY CALL ON US TO BE RATHER
7 DISCIPLINED IN DISPOSING OF IT. AND SO THE PRESENTATION OF THE
8 STAFF BEFORE US, WE ASK YOU TO BE GOVERNED BY THOSE
9 SENTIMENTS. ALL RIGHT? WE HAVE A TIGHT SPEAKERS LIST IN TERMS
10 OF PERSONS NEEDING TO BE EXCUSED BEFORE 12:30. MR. DELGADO.

11

12 **MARK DELGADO:** VERY GOOD, MR. CHAIRMAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
13 MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARK
14 DELGADO. I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF C.C.J.C.C., THE COUNTYWIDE
15 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COMMITTEE, AND I'M PLEASED TO
16 JOIN WITH MY ESTEEMED PARTNERS HERE AND ADDRESS YOUR BOARD ON
17 THIS ITEM, SPECIFICALLY THE REPORT THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO YOUR
18 BOARD ON YOUTH DIVERSION BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE THAT THIS BOARD
19 CREATED IN JOINTLY WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. SO, FIRST I'D
20 JUST LIKE TO THANK THIS BOARD FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS
21 ISSUE, NOT ONLY WITH TODAY'S MOTION BUT STARTING WITH THE
22 BOARD ACTION EARLIER THIS YEAR THAT ESTABLISHED THE YOUTH
23 DIVERSION SUBCOMMITTEE AND KICKED OFF THIS WORK. THAT MOTION
24 REQUESTED THIS PLAN AND SET A RECOMMENDATION FOR SCALING UP
25 YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAMMING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AS WELL AS

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1 REQUESTED THE C.E.O. TO PROVIDE FUNDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
2 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE EXPANDED APPROACH TO
3 DIVERSION. THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND C.E.O. RECOMMENDATIONS GO
4 HAND-IN-HAND AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, SO THEY'RE ALL PART OF
5 THE REPORT THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO YOUR BOARD. NOW, OUR
6 SUBCOMMITTEE FIRST MET IN MARCH AND MET 16 TIMES ON THIS ISSUE
7 PRIOR TO RELEASING THE REPORT. AND I MENTION THAT JUST TO
8 HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT THIS REPORT WAS THE RESULT OF A
9 THOROUGH AND DELIBERATE PROCESS GROUNDED IN RESEARCH AND
10 GUIDED BY SHARED GOALS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE. IT WAS HIGHLY
11 COLLABORATIVE. MANY OF THE PARTNERING AGENCIES ARE HERE TODAY,
12 INCLUDING THOSE AT THE TABLE HERE WITH ME, AS WELL AS LAW
13 ENFORCEMENT, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, PROBATION, YOUTH,
14 PROSECUTORS, DEFENSE, D.M.H., D.C.F.S., SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND
15 OTHERS. THERE ARE TOO MANY FOR ME TO THANK BY NAME. CERTAINLY,
16 THEY'RE IN THE REPORT, BUT I DO JUST WANT TO OFFER A COUPLE
17 SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS. FIRST, TO DR. FERRER AND HER TEAM AT
18 PUBLIC HEALTH. D.P.H.'S ANDREA -- SHARED THIS SUBCOMMITTEE,
19 AND TAYLOR -- ALSO WITH THE DEPARTMENT WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN
20 MUCH OF THE PLANNING OF THIS GROUP'S WORK. ALSO, THANKING THE
21 C.E.O.'S OFFICE, FREIDA DAVENPORT AND VINCENT HOLMES, WHO ALSO
22 WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE WORK OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE. AND
23 FINALLY, I JUST WANT TO THANK OUR CONSULTANT, IMPACT JUSTICE,
24 WHO IS ALSO HERE TODAY AND HELPED FACILITATE THIS PROCESS. SO,
25 AS I MENTIONED, THE REPORT PROVIDES A ROAD MAP FOR SCALING

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1 DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY, AND THE FOCUS, AS YOU KNOW,
2 IS ON DIVERSION AT THE POINT OF CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT.
3 SO, IF YOU RECALL SOME OF THE DISCUSSION ON THE AND THE WORK
4 THAT'S GONE ON ON THE ADULT SIDE RELATED TO THE INTERCEPT
5 MODEL, THIS WOULD BE AKIN TO INTERCEPT ONE, WHERE YOUTH COMES
6 INTO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROCESSES AND SERVICES
7 ARE IN PLACE TO REDUCE AND PREVENT FURTHER PENETRATION INTO
8 THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. BUT I WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THOUGH
9 THIS REPORT FOCUSES ON THAT POINT OF CONTACT WITH LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT, IT IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED AND APPRECIATED THAT THIS
11 DIVERSION TAKES PLACE WITHIN A CONTINUUM OF SERVICES AND
12 CONTINUING TO WORK TO ALIGN THOSE SERVICES AND BUILD A ROBUST
13 CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR YOUTH IS CRITICAL. SO, WHILE THIS REPORT
14 TALKS ABOUT BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROCESSES FOR LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT DIVERSION, THE LEVERAGING THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO
16 SUPPORT OTHER ACCESS POINTS FOR SERVICES IS A HUGE OPPORTUNITY
17 THAT'S SUPPORTED BY THIS WORK. SO, VERY QUICKLY, WHY IS THIS
18 SO IMPORTANT? SIMPLY PUT, DIVERSION IS AN IMPORTANT STRATEGY
19 TO IMPROVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES
20 OF YOUTH CONTACT WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND PROMOTE PUBLIC
21 SAFETY. WHILE ARRESTS HAVE DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY IN LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY FROM 2005 TO 2015 FROM OVER 56,000 TO OVER
23 14,000 ARRESTS PER YEAR, THE COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF
24 INCARCERATION AND JUSTICE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT REMAIN
25 SIGNIFICANT, AND THIS INCLUDES INCREASED RISK OF A YOUTH

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1 DROPPING OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, EXPERIENCING TRAUMA, SUBSTANCE
2 ABUSE, AND OTHER NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES. IN ADDITION,
3 REDUCTION IN JUSTICE SYSTEM CONTACT HAS NOT BENEFITED ALL
4 COMMUNITIES EQUALLY. YOUTH OF COLOR CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE A
5 DISPROPORTIONATE BURDEN OF ARRESTS AND INCARCERATION. AND
6 EFFECTIVE DIVERSION PROGRAMMING IS A KEY STRATEGY FOR
7 ADDRESSING THIS THROUGH DISPROPORTIONALITY. SO, THE MODEL PUT
8 FORTH BY THE YOUTH DIVERSION SUBCOMMITTEE INCLUDED IN THE
9 REPORT, AND I'LL JUST GO OVER FIVE KEY COMPONENTS OF THE
10 MODEL, IS AS FOLLOWS. FIRST, THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE A CENTRAL
11 COORDINATING OFFICE THAT PROVIDES COUNTYWIDE COORDINATION AND
12 CONTRACTS FOR YOUTH DIVERSION SERVICES. SECOND, LAW
13 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WOULD REFER ELIGIBLE AND SUITABLE YOUTH
14 TO COMMUNITY-BASED DIVERSION PARTNERS IN LIEU OF ARRESTS OR
15 CITATION. THIRD, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WOULD CONDUCT
16 INTAKE ASSESSMENTS AND DEVELOP DIVERSION PLANS THAT ARE
17 INDIVIDUALIZED ACCORDING TO THE THE ASSESSMENT'S FINDINGS.
18 FOURTH, ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF DIVERSION, A YOUTH'S CASE
19 IS DISMISSED AND NO CRIMINAL RECORD IS SUSTAINED. AND THEN
20 FINALLY, JUST SORT AFTER OVERARCHING THEME HERE, DIVERSION
21 PARTNERS WOULD BE COMMUNICATING REGULARLY, COLLECTING DATA
22 NEEDED TO INFORM PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT AND ASSESS COUNTY-WIDE
23 PROGRESS. SO, IN A NUTSHELL, THAT'S THE MODEL THAT'S PROPOSED
24 BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. THERE ARE FOUR
25 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND FOUR FROM THE

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1 C.E.O.'S OFFICE THAT SUPPORT THAT MODEL. THEY ARE ELABORATED
2 ON IN THE REPORT. BUT VERY QUICKLY, THEY TALK TO THE
3 ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL COORDINATING OFFICE, PHASED
4 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN, PARTNERSHIPS AND PROCESSES THAT
5 SUPPORT CORE COMPONENTS OF EFFECTIVE DIVERSION PROGRAMMING,
6 AND THEN, SIMILAR TO WHAT I MENTIONED, THE ASSESSMENT OF KEY
7 INDICATORS, SO A COLLECTION OF DATA AND ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS
8 TO INFORM THE WORK AS IT MOVES FORWARD. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE
9 SUBCOMMITTEE, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT
10 AND LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO MS.
11 DAVENPORT TO DISCUSS THE C.E.O. RECOMMENDATIONS ON
12 INFRASTRUCTURE.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS. FESIA DAVENPORT, ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE
18 OFFICER. I'M GOING TO BOTTOM LINE AND SUMMARIZE THE C.E.O.'S
19 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND I WILL BE PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IF
20 THERE ARE ANY. THE C.E.O. MADE ESSENTIALLY THREE
21 RECOMMENDATIONS. ONE, THAT THIS EFFORT BE HOUSED WITHIN THE
22 OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY AND THAT WE WOULD
23 SPECIFICALLY ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF YOUTH DIVERSION AND
24 DEVELOPMENT. TWO, THAT WE AUTHORIZE FOR STAFF TO LAUNCH AND
25 IMPLEMENT THE EFFORTS THAT WERE NEEDED TO BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO

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1 IMPLEMENT AND SCALE THIS EFFORT UP COUNTY-WIDE. AND, THREE,
2 THAT THERE BE AN ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT STEERING
3 COMMITTEE THAT WILL HELP GUIDE BOTH THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION
4 AND RE-ENTRY AND THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, DIVERSION AND
5 DEVELOPMENT DIVISION AS THEY IMPLEMENT, LEARN AND MAKE COURSE
6 CORRECTIONS DURING ALL PHASES OF IMPLEMENTATION. AND I WOULD
7 BE PREPARED -- I AM PREPARED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU
8 MAY HAVE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **PETER ESPINOZA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PETER ESPINOZA. I AM
11 THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY. IN MY
12 PREVIOUS JOB, I BECAME A BIG FAN OF BREVITY, SO I AM GOING TO
13 TRY TO BE BRIEF THIS MORNING. WE ARE HERE IN FULL SUPPORT OF
14 THIS MOTION. WE CONSIDER THE PLACEMENT OF THIS WORK IN THE
15 OFFICE DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY TO REPRESENT A CONTINUUM OF
16 SERVICES THAT WE ARE ALREADY PROVIDING TO THIS POPULATION AS
17 ADULTS. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN REMOVING OVER
18 1,300 MENTALLY ILL INMATES FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN
19 AN EIGHT-MONTH PERIOD AND PLACING THEM IN LONG-TERM COMMUNITY
20 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. YOU MAY ALSO KNOW THAT LAST WEEK WE ROLLED
21 OUT PROJECT L.E.A.D., WHICH IS LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED
22 DIVERSION, WHICH IS AN INTERCEPT POINT ONE MODEL, WHICH VERY
23 MUCH REFLECTS THE MODEL THAT WILL BE USED IN ROLLING OUT THE
24 YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM. MY VISION FOR THE PROGRAM, THE VISION
25 OF O.D.R. FOR THE PROGRAM OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS IS THAT WE

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1 WILL HAVE A SYSTEM THAT ENGAGES, EXCUSE ME, THAT ENSURES THE
2 PERSONAL INFORMATION OF YOUTH NOT BE ENTERED INTO ANY
3 STATEWIDE DATA SYSTEMS. WHAT I'VE LEARNED IN THE PROCESS OF
4 THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT IS REMOVING NAMES FROM THOSE
5 STATEWIDE DATA SYSTEMS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT FILED ON IS MUCH
6 MORE DIFFICULT THAN IT IS FOR SOMEONE WHO ACTUALLY GETS FILED
7 ON, RECEIVES A GRANT TO PROBATION, AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES
8 PROBATION. SO ONE OF THE HALLMARKS OF THIS WORK WILL BE TO
9 KEEP THIS POPULATION OUT OF STATEWIDE DATA SYSTEM. WE HOPE TO
10 HAVE A ROBUST DATA COLLECTION THAT WILL INFORM THE WORK THAT
11 WE DO, HELP US ADJUST AND EXPAND THIS EFFORT, AND INCLUDE
12 PREVENTION EFFORTS TO KEEP YOUTH FROM NEEDING THESE SERVICES
13 AT THE POINT OF ARREST. WE ALSO HOPE TO INCLUDE A SOCIAL
14 CONTACT POINT OF ENTRY FOR THE SERVICES THAT WE WILL BE
15 PROVIDING THROUGH OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY-BASED
16 ORGANIZATIONS SO THAT WHEN SCHOOL PERSONNEL OR A PARENT ARE
17 DEALING WITH ISSUES OF INCORRIGIBILITY OR OTHER PROBLEMS WITH
18 YOUTH WHO IS NOT AT THE POINT OF ARREST, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO
19 ACCESS OUR SERVICES WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.
20 FINALLY, I HOPE THAT OUR MENU OF SERVICES IS ROBUST AND
21 DIVERSE, NOT ONLY TREATMENT FOR OUR UNTREATED MENTAL HEALTH
22 AND S.U.D. ISSUES, BUT ALSO A VERY SERIOUS FOCUS ON EDUCATION
23 AND JOB READINESS. MOST OF THE WORK THAT I DID ON THE BENCH
24 WAS, OTHER THAN THE WORK THAT WAS REQUIRED, WAS AIMED AT THE
25 INTERSECTION OF EDUCATIONAL FAILURE AND JUSTICE SYSTEM

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1 INVOLVEMENT. AND I HOPE THAT AMONGST THE MENU OF SERVICES THAT
2 WE HOPE TO PROVIDE THROUGH THESE C.B.O.S IS A VERY INTENSE
3 COORDINATION WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OTHER ADULT EDUCATION
4 PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE THIS POPULATION OF YOUTH WITH SOME HOPE
5 THAT THERE IS A LIFE BEYOND WHAT THEY CAN SEE IN THEIR
6 NEIGHBORHOOD. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **MICHAEL NASH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MIKE NASH WITH THE OFFICE OF
9 CHILD PROTECTION. AND I'M HERE TO ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT
10 THIS MOTION. IN MY PREVIOUS POSITION AS PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE
11 JUVENILE COURT, I WAS A LONG-TIME SUPPORTER OF EFFORTS TO
12 APPROPRIATELY DIVERT YOUTH FROM OUR COURT SYSTEM. AS DIRECTOR
13 OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION, I AM STILL VERY CONCERNED
14 WITH THE ISSUE OF YOUTH CROSSING OVER FROM THE CHILD WELFARE
15 SYSTEM TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. I BELIEVE THAT THIS
16 DIVISION CAN HELP ENSURE THAT FOSTER YOUTH HAVE EQUAL ACCESS
17 TO DIVERSION PROGRAMS. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, I THINK THAT THIS
18 DIVISION CAN HELP ENSURE THAT ALL YOUTH THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY HAVE MORE EQUAL ACCESS TO PROGRAMS AND PROGRAMS THAT
20 ARE PROVEN -- HAVE A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF WORKING
21 SUCCESSFULLY WITH OUR YOUTH. I ALSO THINK THAT THE WORK THAT
22 WE'RE DOING IN THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION WITH ALL OF OUR
23 COUNTY PARTNERS ARE DESIGNED TO PREVENT FAMILIES FROM COMING
24 INTO CONTACT WITH THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM WILL ULTIMATELY

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1 IMPACT THIS WORK, AS WELL. SO I HOPE THE BOARD WILL SUPPORT
2 THIS MOTION.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
5 ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR HAHN -- DR. ROSS, BEFORE YOU PROCEED, WE
6 HAVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. STAFF, IF YOU
7 ARE ESSENTIALLY DONE WITH YOUR PRESENTATION, THEN, DR. ROSS,
8 IN TERMS OF THE PUBLIC COMMENTS, YOU WILL BE THE FIRST SPEAKER
9 FOLLOWED BY THE LIST THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL CALL IN.
10 THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER SUPERVISOR HAHN,
11 SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

12

13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I AM HAPPY TO HAVE
14 COAUTHORED THIS MOTION WITH YOU, BECAUSE, ONCE AGAIN, WE'RE
15 LOOKING AT RETHINKING OUR APPROACH TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE
16 SYSTEM. AND I AGREE THAT THE BEST WAY TO IMPROVE OUR JUVENILE
17 JUSTICE SYSTEM IS TO KEEP MORE JUVENILES OUT OF THE SYSTEM.
18 AND ONCE AGAIN, I THINK L.A. COUNTY HAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO
19 BE A MODEL FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTRY IN HOW WE SPEND MORE
20 TIME, MORE RESOURCES ON PREVENTION AND DIVERSION. I SPENT A
21 LOT OF MY EARLY POLITICAL CAREER WORKING WITH AN ORGANIZATION
22 CALLED G.A.P., WHICH IS THE GANG ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM, WHICH
23 REALLY BELIEVE THAT YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP KIDS FROM JOINING GANGS
24 IN THE FIRST PLACE. WE KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF GREAT
25 ORGANIZATIONS, A LOT OF GREAT NONPROFITS WHO DEAL IN SECOND

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1 CHANCES AND THIRD CHANCES AND FOURTH CHANCES. MANY OF THOSE WE
2 HELP FUND AND WE SUPPORT. BUT, REALLY, IT'S THE OUNCE OF
3 PREVENTION IS WORTH THE POUND OF CURE. AND I THINK WE NEED TO
4 SPEND SO MUCH MORE TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF
5 LOS ANGELES. I AM STILL STUCK ON THAT EARLIER POWERPOINT BY
6 OUR PUBLIC HEALTH WHICH TALKED ABOUT OUR KIDS WHO ARE SAD AND
7 BEING BULLIED AND FEELING LONELY. AND I THINK OUR SCHOOLS HAVE
8 SO MUCH HAPPENING AND OUR TEACHERS HAVE SO MANY
9 RESPONSIBILITIES AND SO MUCH ON THEIR PLATE. BUT, REALLY, I
10 THINK I THINK MANY OF OUR KIDS IN SCHOOL ARE ON THE WRONG
11 TRACK AND ARE DESTINED TO BECOME A PART OF OUR JUVENILE
12 JUSTICE SYSTEM UNLESS WE ACT NOW AND REALLY WORK. AND SO, I
13 LIKE IT THAT WE'RE CREATING NEW POSITIONS. I LIKE IT THAT
14 WE'RE FOCUSING ON YOUTH DIVERSION. AND I HOPE OUR OUTCOMES
15 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT YOUNG PEOPLE IN
16 L.A. COUNTY COME IN CONTACT WITH OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.
17 SO, THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE NOW TURN TO
20 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

21

22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I'M COMMITTED TO
23 THE IDEA THAT THE COUNTY DOES AND MUST CONTINUE TO ENGAGE AND
24 INVEST IN OUR YOUTH. WE NEED TO WORK HARD AND DO EVERYTHING IN
25 OUR POWER TO MAKE SURE OUR KIDS STAY INVOLVED IN EDUCATION,

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1 SPORTS, AND HEALTHY SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. AND WE MOST CERTAINLY
2 NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP STEER THEM CLEAR OF
3 ENTANGLEMENTS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND I KNOW, SUPERVISOR
4 KUEHL, WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, YOU
5 TALKED ABOUT YOU CAN TRAIL IT BACK TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE
6 HOME OF THAT INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOW PERPETRATING DOMESTIC
7 VIOLENCE. THESE DIVERSION EFFORTS ARE CRITICAL AND NECESSARY,
8 AND I SUPPORT THIS WORK. DIVERSION MEANS THAT WE ARE STEPPING
9 IN WHEN THE YOUNG PERSON HAS PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS AT SCHOOL,
10 PROBLEMS WITH THE LAW, OR OTHER ANTISOCIAL ISSUES. I KNOW THAT
11 WE DID A STUDY WHEN I FIRST STARTED WITH THE COUNTY LOOKING AT
12 A CORRELATION BETWEEN THOSE CHILDREN IN GRADE SCHOOL AND THEM
13 BEING EXPELLED WHEN THEY WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL. AND THERE WERE
14 PROBLEMS IN THE HOME THAT DID NOT GET THE ATTENTION. AND IF WE
15 HAD BEEN ABLE TO INTERVENE IN TIME, WE MAY HAVE PREVENTED MANY
16 OF THESE KIDS FROM MISSING AN OPPORTUNITY AS IT RELATED TO
17 EDUCATION. I'D LIKE TO SEE OUR EFFORTS GO FORWARD THAT CAN
18 TOUCH THE LIVES OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES
19 BEFORE THEY ARE STRUGGLING. THE MOTION ASKS TO REPORT BACK
20 EVERY 180 DAYS WITH PERTINENT INFORMATION, INCLUDING
21 INFORMATION ON YOUTH ARRESTS. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT AS YOU
22 ASSIST EACH YOUNG PERSON AND WORK WITH THEIR FAMILIES, THAT
23 YOU SET UP AN ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH SO THAT WE CAN CLEARLY
24 UNDERSTAND THE FACTORS THAT BROUGHT A YOUNG PERSON AND HIS OR
25 HER FAMILY TO THE PLACE OF NEEDING DIVERSION. I THINK IT'S

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1 IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK, RATHER THAN WAITING TILL THEY COME IN
2 CONTACT, SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO PREVENT THEM FROM EVEN COMING
3 INTO OUR SYSTEM. I TRUST THERE'S RESEARCH AVAILABLE TO INFORM
4 US AND KEY FACTORS, CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHALLENGES THAT MAKE
5 YOUTH MORE VULNERABLE TO ENTANGLEMENTS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT.
6 WE SHOULD CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THIS AND RESEARCH IT. WHILE WE
7 ARE WORKING TO DIVERT OUR YOUTH FROM FUTURE INVOLVEMENT WITH
8 LAW ENFORCEMENT, OUR EFFORTS SHOULD ALSO INFORM US OF FACTORS
9 THAT MAKE OUR JUVENILES VULNERABLE. THESE FINDINGS WILL THEN
10 GUIDE OUR WORK TO HELP CREATE POSITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE
11 OUTCOMES SO THAT OUR JUVENILES AVOID NEGATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT
12 INTERACTIONS ALTOGETHER. I WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT WE ASK
13 FOR THIS REPORT BACK TO ALSO INCLUDE AVAILABLE DATA AND
14 ANALYSIS, INCLUDING LESSONS LEARNED IN OUR CURRENT DIVERSION
15 EFFORTS, TO IDENTIFY RISK FACTORS LEADING TO INVOLVEMENT WITH
16 THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND EARLY INTERVENTIONS PREVENTION PROGRAMS
17 AND SERVICES THAT MAY HELP AVOID ENTERING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM
18 ENTIRELY. SO, I WOULD JUST ASK FOR THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, MR.
19 CHAIR, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO LOOK AT AREAS
20 WHERE WE CAN BE PROACTIVE RATHER THAN REACTIVE. SO, THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
23 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I HAVE A QUESTION
2 FOR, I THINK FOR JUDGE NASH. JUST IN TERMS OF JUVENILE
3 DIVERSION, SORT OF THIS KIND OF PURE DIVERSION BEFORE YOU EVEN
4 ARE ARRESTED, I GUESS, IF YOU KNOW, THERE MUST BE VARIOUS
5 PLACES AT WHICH JUVENILES ARE ABLE TO ENTER DIVERSION INSTEAD
6 OF ARREST AND PROSECUTION, OR AFTER ARREST BUT BEFORE
7 PROSECUTION, OR AT SOME STAGE IN THE PROCESS. AND I GUESS MY
8 QUESTION IS: I KNOW ADULTS MAKE A CHOICE LEGALLY TO GO ONE
9 PLACE OR ANOTHER, BUT CAN JUVENILES SAY, YEAH, I'D RATHER GO
10 HERE RATHER THAN THERE? BECAUSE THEY'RE -- GENERALLY WE DON'T
11 HONOR THEIR CHOICES. WE ASK THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. SO,
12 I'M NOT QUITE SURE HOW JUVENILE DIVERSION REALLY WORKS IN
13 TERMS OF THE CHOICES THAT THEY MAKE.

14

15 **MICHAEL NASH:** WELL, A LOT DEPENDS ON THE AREA OF THE COUNTY
16 THAT A YOUTH LIVES IN, BECAUSE SOME AREAS HAVE MORE PROGRAMS
17 THAN OTHERS. IT DEPENDS SOMETIMES ON THE NATURE OF THE ALLEGED
18 OFFENSE, IF YOU WILL, THAT MAY IMPACT WHERE A JUVENILE GOES.
19 OBVIOUSLY, KIDS CAN REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE. AND THEN THERE MAY
20 BE OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE UNDER THE LAW TO WORK WITH YOUTH IN
21 THAT SCENARIO.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** CAN THEY AGREE TO PARTICIPATE? I MEAN, AN
24 OFFICER SAYS, "YOU KNOW, IF YOU GO TO THIS COMMUNITY PROGRAM,

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1 I DON'T HAVE TO TAKE YOU IN," OR SOMETHING. IS THAT HOW IT
2 WORKS ON THE GROUND?

3

4 **MICHAEL NASH:** YES.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND IF THEY MAKE THE CHOICE TO GO TO THE
7 COMMUNITY PROGRAM, IT'S KIND OF A LEGAL CHOICE. I'M JUST
8 WONDERING UNDER THE LAW IF THEY'RE ALLOWED TO MAKE IT AS
9 MINORS.

10

11 **MICHAEL NASH:** GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE ANSWER IS, YES, THEY DO
12 MAKE THAT CHOICE. AND, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE RAMIFICATIONS IF
13 THEY REFUSE. THERE ARE RAMIFICATIONS IF THEY DON'T FOLLOW
14 THROUGH. AND THOSE GENERALLY ARE EXPLAINED AT THE FRONT END OF
15 THE PROGRAM. THE GOOD THING ABOUT AN OFFICE LIKE THIS THAT
16 EXCITES ME IS THAT THIS PROVIDES COUNTYWIDE OVERSIGHT TO THIS
17 PROCESS. SO TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE ARE FOLKS WHO ARE
18 CONCERNED ABOUT POTENTIAL ABUSES, THEN PERHAPS THROUGH THIS
19 OVERSIGHT, WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S REALLY MINIMAL IF AT
20 ALL.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** AND, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION. I AGREE
23 WITH EVERYTHING JUDGE NASH SAID. THE MODEL HERE DOES LOOK TO,
24 CERTAINLY, YOUTH AND FAMILIES INTEREST TO PARTICIPATING IN
25 DIVERSION PROGRAMS.

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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** RIGHT, BUT THOSE ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS,
3 YOUTH AND FAMILY. AND I GUESS IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THE OFFICE
4 WOULD PROVIDE CLARITY, WHICH IT MAY ALREADY INFORMALLY OR THE
5 COURTS MAY, AS TO THE PROGRAMS ABOUT WHETHER THEY'RE REQUIRED
6 TO TELL SOMEBODY'S PARENTS OR GET PERMISSION FROM A GUARDIAN
7 TO HAVE THE KID IN THE PROGRAM. I'M JUST INTERESTED IN -- THIS
8 IS DIFFERENT THAN ADULTS GOING INTO DIVERSION. THERE'S THE
9 EXTRA LAYER OF "YOU'RE NOT A FULL PERSON. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TO
10 ASK YOUR PARENTS." SO I JUST WANTED TO ASK THE QUESTION AND,
11 MORE THAN THAT, ASK THAT IT BE CLEAR AS WE GO, YOU KNOW,
12 AHEAD. OR IT MAY ALREADY BE THE CASE.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL, IT'S WORTH PURSUING AND WE
15 SHOULD FURTHER CLARIFY THAT. I MEAN, THIS IS NOT ADULT. THIS
16 IS JUVENILE. THE FOCUS HERE IS SPECIFICALLY JUVENILE, AND I
17 THINK THE QUESTIONS THAT ARE BEING POSED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL
18 REQUIRES US TO FURTHER CLARIFY. NO HARM, NO FOUL. ALL RIGHT?

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MS. DAVENPORT JUST HAD A SENTENCE, I THINK,
21 TO ADD.

22

23 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** YEAH. AND SO, IN FURTHER RESPONSE TO YOUR
24 QUESTION, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, IN WORKING ON THE DATA
25 COLLECTION PIECE ALONG WITH C.C.J.C.C., THAT WAS A FUNDAMENTAL

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1 QUESTION THAT I THINK THAT WE DISCUSSED WITH COUNTY COUNSEL'S
2 OFFICE. WE MAY NOT HAVE EXPLICITLY ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF
3 CONSENT, THE ABILITY OF A YOUTH TO CONSENT TO A DIVERSION
4 PROCESS, AND IN ONE OF OUR FURTHER REPORTBACKS, WE COULD
5 ADDRESS THAT ISSUE VERY SPECIFICALLY.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** INDEED. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR
10 SOLIS, PLEASE.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, AND I WANT TO
13 CONGRATULATE YOU AND OUR COLLEAGUES FOR PUTTING THIS EFFORT
14 FORWARD. I KNOW WE'VE TALKED ON MANY OCCASIONS ABOUT ISSUES
15 WITH YOUTH AND HOW WE ADDRESS THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND
16 HOW IT TREATS THEM. I'M HAPPY THAT YOUTH FORMERLY INCARCERATED
17 WILL BE A PART OF THIS TASKFORCE. BUT I WOULD ALSO SAY KEEP AN
18 OPEN MIND, BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY STUDENTS AT RISK THAT WE
19 WANT TO PREVENT AND WANT TO HEAR FROM THEM, AS WELL. AND THEN
20 SECONDLY, I KNOW THAT, DR. ROSS, YOU'VE DONE A LOT OF RESEARCH
21 ON THIS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION WITH RESPECT TO EXPULSION FROM
22 SCHOOLS. SO L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, I THINK, CAN PLAY
23 A VERY CRITICAL ROLE HERE, BECAUSE MANY TIMES, UNINTENDED
24 CONSEQUENCES, STUDENTS GET CAUGHT UP IN THE EXPULSION. THEY
25 CAME LATE TO SCHOOL. YOU'RE TARDY. YOU'RE KICKED OUT. AND

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1 THERE BECOMES THE RECORD. AND THAT'S THE HARDEST ONE, I THINK,
2 FOR US TO TACKLE, BECAUSE SOMETIMES WE DON'T VIEW OUR SCHOOL
3 SYSTEM AS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN TOTALLY CONTROL IN THAT
4 ASPECT. SO I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. AND ALSO, I KNOW
5 THAT SOME OF OUR SCHOOLS, MANY OF OUR SCHOOLS, HAVE PROBATION
6 OFFICERS ASSIGNED THERE, AND THAT'S FINE, BUT IF -- IF -- IT'S
7 REALLY NEEDED. BUT IF IT'S NOT, WHAT, THEN, ARE WE TELLING
8 THAT POPULATION? AND WHAT TYPE OF WORK IS BEING CONDUCTED ON
9 THAT SITE? ARE STUDENTS BEING UNINTENTIONALLY TARGETED,
10 BECAUSE THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE ASSOCIATED WITH A GANG OR THAT
11 THEY HAVE MAYBE AN ABSENTEE PROBLEM AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN,
12 THEY ARE NOW REFERRED TO THE PROBATION OFFICER? THOSE ARE THE
13 IMPLICATIONS THAT I'M INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT. DR. ROSS,
14 SINCE YOU'RE THERE, I KNOW YOU HAVEN'T SPOKEN YET, BUT I KNOW
15 YOU'RE AN AUTHORITY ON THIS IN SOME WAY. IF YOU COULD SHED
16 SOME LIGHT HERE.

17

18 **DR. ROSS:** SURE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND, MR.
19 CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE ARE HERE IN ENTHUSIASTIC
20 SUPPORT OF THIS PROPOSAL. THIS IS A HISTORIC DAY IN THE
21 HISTORY OF JUSTICE REFORM. I WOULD DARE SAY FOR THE NATION. IT
22 WILL RAISE A LOT OF EYEBROWS WITH THIS BOARD MOVING IN THIS
23 DIRECTION. WE KNOW THAT 80 PERCENT OF YOUTH NOW BEING ARRESTED
24 IN THE COUNTY MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM AND COULD BE
25 DIVERTED TO COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES IF THE PLAN IS REALIZED.

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1 YOU ARE POISED TO LEAD THE NATION ON THIS REGARD. AND WE'RE
2 COMMENDING THE LEADERSHIP OF THE YOUTH DIVERSION SUBCOMMITTEE
3 THAT CRAFTED THIS ROAD MAP THROUGH A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT
4 THAT, IN AND MUCH ITSELF, THE PROCESS WAS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD
5 BE PROUD OF, INCLUDING JUDGES, COUNTY OFFICIALS, HEALTH
6 EXPERTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATES,
7 GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS
8 THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND, THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, THE
9 URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE AND THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION WERE
10 AMONG THE MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE VOICES WERE HEARD,
11 AND WE COMMEND THE COUNTY FOR THAT KIND OF AND THE PROBATION
12 DEPARTMENT FOR THAT KIND OF INCLUSIVE PROCESS. WE KNOW THE
13 PUNISHMENT DOESN'T WORK WHEN IT COMES TO HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE
14 WHO ARE STRUGGLING. HEALTH CONDITIONS, MANY OF WHICH ARE
15 ROOTED IN CHILDHOOD TRAUMA, ARE OFTEN AT THE ROOT OF THE
16 BEHAVIOR THAT LEADS THESE CHILDREN TO THE SYSTEM IN THE FIRST
17 PLACE. AND A U.S.C. STUDY FOUND THAT 80 PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN
18 L.A. COUNTY YOUTH PRISONS HAD HISTORIES WITH THE CHILD WELFARE
19 SYSTEM RELATED TO THEIR HISTORY OF ABUSE, NEGLECT AND/OR
20 TRAUMA. INCARCERATION CLEARLY IS NOT GOING TO HELP THESE
21 CHILDREN, AND WE NEED A DIFFERENT APPROACH. OUR FOUNDATION,
22 THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, WE'VE BEEN SUPPORTING RESTORATIVE
23 JUSTICE AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS IN COMMUNITIES LIKE LONG BEACH,
24 SAN DIEGO AND OAKLAND. WE HAVE PRELIMINARY DATA, PARTICULARLY
25 FROM OAKLAND, THAT SHOWS THAT THESE KIND OF APPROACHES ARE

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1 EFFECTIVE AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM. AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE COME
2 FACE-TO-FACE IN THOSE PROGRAMS WITH THE PEOPLE THEY HAVE
3 HARMED. THEY HAVE AGREED TO A PLAN FOR MAKING IT RIGHT WITH
4 THE FOLKS THEY HAVE HARMED. THAT INCLUDES A COMBINATION OF
5 RESTITUTION, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND HEALTH SERVICES, AND THESE
6 INTERVENTIONS ARE PROVEN TO WORK BETTER THAN INCARCERATION AND
7 COST CONSIDERABLY LESS. THE KEY TO SUCCESS, OF COURSE, LIES IN
8 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY. TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
9 SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOUR POINTS ABOUT UPSTREAM PREVENTION? I
10 WOULD SAY SPECIFICALLY TO YOUR COMMENTS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE
11 HAVE FOUND THAT A STRUCTURED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOLS
12 AROUND THE DATA-DRIVEN, DATA-SUPPORTED WARNING SIGNS, THE
13 JUDGES KNOW WHAT THOSE WARNING SIGNS ARE. THEY ARE CHRONIC
14 ABSENTEEISM IN SCHOOL, MULTIPLE SUSPENSIONS IN THE SCHOOL
15 SETTING, HISTORY OF TRUANCY AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES. AND WE
16 EVEN KNOW GOING BACK TO THIRD GRADE READING LEVELS, THIRD
17 GRADE LITERACY, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE OF COLOR, THOSE ALL
18 WARNING SIGNALS. AND WE NEED TO DO BETTER. ALL OF US NEED TO
19 DO BETTER, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IN HAVING A WARNING SYSTEM OF
20 EARLY PREVENTION AND IDENTIFYING THOSE KIDS IN THE SCHOOL
21 SETTING AND SURROUNDING THEM WITH WRAP-AROUND SUPPORTS, EVEN
22 BEFORE THEY SHOW UP IN JUDGE NASH'S OR JUDGE ESPINOZA'S
23 COURTROOM. SO WE URGE YOU TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THIS. THIS IS
24 FROM US, JUST ENTHUSIASTIC AND PROUD SUPPORT FOR WHAT YOU'RE
25 DOING ON THIS FRONT. LASTLY, JUST TO BRING UP THE ISSUE OF

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1 RACIAL DISPARITIES ON THIS ISSUE, AGAIN, AFRICAN-AMERICAN
2 YOUNG MEN ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE JUSTICE
3 SYSTEM. AND WE CAN REALLY BE PROUD OF THIS PLAN WHEN WE SHOW
4 NOT ONLY OUR BETTER NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE BEING DIVERTED,
5 BUT ALSO THAT WE'RE CLOSING THE DISPARITIES BETWEEN AFRICAN-
6 AMERICAN MALES AND THEIR WHITE COUNTERPARTS WHO ARE BEING
7 ARRESTED AT SIX TIMES THE RATE OF THEIR WHITE PEERS. WITH
8 THAT, WE ARE IN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT. I JUST WANT TO THANK
9 THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ITS VISION AND LEADERSHIP AND
10 BOLDNESS. AND ALSO, CHIEF MC DONNELL AND ALSO DEPUTY CHIEF
11 SHEILA MITCHELL HAVE JUST BEEN FABULOUS IN THEIR LEADERSHIP
12 AND STEWARDSHIP OF THIS ISSUE. AND WE COMMEND THE COUNTY STAFF
13 FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL GO THE
16 BALANCE OF THE SPEAKERS AT THIS POINT IN TIME. BEFORE THEY
17 COME, I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY BY OUR LAUNCHING THIS WORK, L.A.
18 COUNTY CAN AND WILL LEAD THE NATION, IN PROMOTING YOUTH WELL-
19 BEING, IN PROMOTING THE ISSUES OF ADDRESSING INEQUITIES AND
20 RACIAL DISPARITIES IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM ITSELF, AND,
21 FINALLY, IN EMBRACING COST-EFFECTIVE APPROACHES. SOMEONE AT
22 SOME POINT IN TIME SAID IT'S TIME FOR US TO BE SMART ON THE
23 MANAGEMENT OF OUR RESOURCES, SMART ON DEALING WITH THE YOUNG
24 PEOPLE, BEING MORE HUMANE, LESS MILITARISTIC, AND PLOW THEM
25 BACK INTO THE COMMUNITIES TO LEAD BETTER LIVES AND, IN FACT,

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1 IMPROVE THE COMMUNITIES OF WHICH THEY ARE A PART. ALL OF THAT
2 IS EMBEDDED IN THIS MOTION, AND THIS IS WHY WE HAVE BROUGHT IT
3 FORWARD. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AS MY COAUTHOR ON
4 THIS MOTION AND THE BALANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHO
5 IN THEIR OWN RIGHT HAVE GIVEN THIS ISSUE THE ATTENTION THAT IT
6 OBVIOUSLY DESERVES. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD
7 CALL THE BALANCE OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. AND
8 THANK YOU TO THE STAFF AND TO DR. ROSS FOR BEING HERE THIS
9 MORNING.

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
12 FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? BERNADETTE GHOLAMI. GLORIA
13 GONZALEZ. JESSICA ELLIS. PLEASE COME FORWARD. JOSH GREEN. KIM
14 MC GILL. PHAL SOK. SAM LEWIS. PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF
15 WILL DIRECT YOU. WHILE THEY'RE COMING, WOULD TANISHA DENRD
16 PLEASE COME AND DAYVON WILLIAMS? DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. AND
17 ERIC PREVEN. AS THEY ARE MAKING THEIR WAY FORWARD, ANGELA
18 IRVINE, PLEASE HEAD DOWN, AS WELL.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PLEASE PROCEED.

21

22 **SAM LEWIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS SAME LEWIS.
23 I'M THE DIRECTOR OF INSIDE PROGRAMS FOR THE A.R.C., THE ANTI-
24 RECIDIVISM COALITION. PART OF MY RESPONSIBILITY IS GOING INTO
25 THE JUVENILE HALLS, ESPECIALLY SYLMAR, AND MENTORING YOUNG

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1 YOUTH THAT ARE INCARCERATED AND FIGURING OUT HOW TO NAVIGATE
2 THE REST OF THEIR LIFE AFTER INCARCERATION AND RELEASE. I JUST
3 WANTED TO COME UP AND SAY THAT A.R.C. AND MYSELF ARE SO
4 SUPPORTIVE OF THIS. AND I WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION TO
6 ESTABLISH A DIVISION OF YOUTH DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT. ONE
7 OF THE THINGS THAT WE WOULD REALLY, REALLY HOPE TO SEE ALSO IS
8 THAT FOCUSING ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS
9 THE DIVERSION, MAKING SURE THAT THEY HAVE THOSE RESOURCES SO
10 THAT THEY CAN MAKE BETTER DECISIONS. AND WE ASK HUMBLLY THAT
11 SYSTEM-IMPACTED FOLKS OR SYSTEM-IMPACTED PEOPLE BE INVOLVED IN
12 BOTH THE OVERSIGHT AND THE DECISIONMAKING ON THIS PROCESS. ONE
13 OF THE THINGS THAT I'VE SEEN ACROSS THE NATION IS THAT
14 OFTENTIMES PEOPLE THAT ARE CLOSEST TO THE PROBLEM OR CLOSE TO
15 THE SOLUTION BUT FURTHEST FROM THE RESOURCES IN ORDER TO MAKE
16 THE CHANGES THAT ARE NECESSARY. SO A YOUTH THAT HAS GONE
17 THROUGH IT AND UNDERSTANDS THE CHANGES THAT ARE NECESSARY WILL
18 BE AWESOME MENTORS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT ALSO CAME OUT OF
19 OAKLAND IS CREDIBLE MESSENGERS AND TRANSFORMATIVE MENTORING.
20 IF YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. AND,
21 AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS. THIS IS GREAT.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
24 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER NOW.

25

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1 **JESSICA ELLIS:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIR
2 AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS REPORT. MY NAME IS JESSICA
3 ELLIS WITH CENTINELA YOUTH SERVICES, AND WE SERVED ON THE
4 SUBCOMMITTEE. AND I REALLY WANT TO BUILD ON SAM'S PRIOR POINT.
5 THE INVOLVEMENT OF SYSTEM-INVOLVED YOUTH IS CRITICAL TO
6 BUILDING A PROCESS MOVING FORWARD WHERE THE IMPLEMENTATION
7 REALLY MEETS THE STATED OBJECTIVES THAT WE HOPE FOR IT. AND
8 IT'S SO EASY TO HAVE BROAD GOALS AND THEN JUST GET OFF BASE
9 AND HAVE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. SO WE REALLY NEED THE VOICES
10 OF OUR YOUTH WHO ARE MOST IMPACTED BY THIS TO REALLY INFORM
11 THAT. BUT RIGHT NOW, WE ASKED THEM TO COME TO ALL THESE
12 MEETINGS, AND I REALLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE YOUTH JUSTICE
13 COALITION WHO HELPED GET AND ENGAGE YOUTH. BUT WE ASKED THEM
14 TO COME COMPLETELY VOLUNTEER, WHEN THE REST OF US ARE ON THESE
15 COMMITTEES ON PAID WORK TIME. THEY ARE TAKING TIME OUT OF
16 SCHOOL AND FROM JOBS TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES TO HAVE A VOICE
17 IN THIS. AND I REALLY WANT TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF SOME
18 STIPENDS PER DIEM AND TRAVEL EXPENSES SO THAT THEY CAN DO THAT
19 AND REALLY HAVE A MEANINGFUL VOICE, BECAUSE THEY ARE OUR MOST
20 IMPORTANT VOICE ON THAT. AND THEN LASTLY, JUST A QUICK ANSWER
21 FOR YOUR QUESTION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WE LOOK AT, IN OUR
22 DIVERSION WORK, AGE 12 IS THE AGE OF CONSENT. IN MOST CASES,
23 FAMILIES AND KIDS ARE ON THE SAME PAGE ABOUT PARTICIPATING.
24 IT'S PRETTY RARE THEY'RE NOT. BUT SOMETIMES WE HAVE ALLOWED

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1 KIDS TO PARTICIPATE WHEN THE FAMILY WANTS TO NOT BE INVOLVED.

2 AND THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

5 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER NOW.

6

7 **BERNADETTE GHOLAMI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BERNADETTE
8 GHOLAMI, AND I'M A SOCIAL WORKER WITH THE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS
9 PROJECT AT PUBLIC COUNSEL. WE ADVOCATE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE
10 YOUNG PEOPLE, INCLUDING SYSTEM-INVOLVED YOUTH, THROUGH DIRECT
11 LEGAL SERVICES AND STATEWIDE AND LOCAL POLICY. WE SUPPORT THIS
12 MOTION'S EFFORT TO CREATE AND FUND A CENTRAL COORDINATED
13 OFFICE TO MORE EFFICIENTLY MANAGE THE COUNTY'S YOUTH DIVERSION
14 EFFORTS, AND WE'VE BEEN PROUD TO BE A PART OF THE C.C.J.C.C.
15 SUBCOMMITTEE EFFORTS. EFFECTIVE IN CULTURALLY SENSITIVE
16 RESPONSES TO YOUTH IS KEY IN ORDER TO WORK TOWARD DISMANTLING
17 THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE, WHICH, AS MANY PEOPLE KNOW, IS
18 KIND OF THE FIRST MARK THAT MAY KIND OF GEAR WHETHER A YOUTH
19 COMES INTO CONTACT WITH THE ADULT CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. I
20 WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS SOME COMMUNITY CONCERNS REGARDING ISSUES
21 NOT ADDRESSED BY THIS MOTION. IN OUR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS
22 PROJECT, WE HAVE REPRESENTED OVER 100 YOUNG PEOPLE IN CLEARING
23 TICKETS THAT IMPOSE A HUGE BARRIER TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY, FOR
24 MANY REASONS, INCLUDING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND THE INABILITY
25 TO GET EVEN A DRIVER'S LICENSE DUE TO HOLDS ON THEIR LICENSE.

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1 NOT ONLY DO TICKETS CREATE AN OBSTACLE FOR YOUTH, BUT ALSO
2 THESE CONSTANT INTERACTIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT UNFAIRLY
3 CRIMINALIZE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. HOPEFULLY THE EFFORT FOR A
4 COUNTY COORDINATED DIVERSION EFFORTS WILL NOT ONLY COORDIATE
5 DIVERSION EFFORTS BUT ALSO OPEN THE BROADER CONVERSATION ABOUT
6 INAPPROPRIATE CRIMINALIZATION IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE ARE
7 EXCITED ABOUT THE BOLD STEP THAT OUR COUNTY IS TAKING TODAY
8 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE A COUNTY
9 WHERE EVERY YOUNG PERSON CAN THRIVE, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY
10 LIVE AND WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

13

14 **JOSH GREEN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JOSH GREEN FROM THE URBAN PEACE
15 INSTITUTE, AND I WAS A MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE THAT DRAFTED
16 THE REPORT. I JUST WANT TO BE VERY BRIEF IF I CAN. THERE'S
17 LOTS OF DATA SHOWING THE BENEFITS OF DIVERSION, BUT I THINK
18 WHAT'S REALLY KEY ABOUT THIS IS THERE'S A BROAD GROUP OF
19 STAKEHOLDERS, FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT TO COUNTY AGENCIES TO
20 COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS TO GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY GROUPS, AND
21 EVERYBODY HAD THE SAME AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS THAT THIS IS
22 IMPORTANT FOR THIS COUNTY RIGHT NOW. AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY
23 KEY, BECAUSE THAT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE DATA. THAT WAS FROM THE
24 REAL, LIVED EXPERIENCES OF EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM ON THE
25 SUBCOMMITTEE. AND SO I ALSO JUST WANT TO SAY THIS IS AN

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1 INCREDIBLE FIRST STEP, AND IT ALSO RECOGNIZES WHAT MANY PEOPLE
2 HAVE SAID ALREADY, WHAT DR. ROSS SAID, WHAT MANY OF THE
3 SPEAKERS ALREADY HAVE SAID, THAT THIS BROAD COALITION OF FOLKS
4 WHO CAME TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN ARE -- IT'S A UNIQUE
5 PROCESS AND IT SPEAKS TO WHY THE OUTCOME WAS SO GOOD AND WHY
6 I'M SO EXITED ABOUT THE BOARD MOVING FORWARD WITH THE
7 RECOMMENDATIONS. BUT THIS WAS A FIRST STEP. I'M GLAD THAT THIS
8 MOTION STATES THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEEDS TO BE CREATED
9 AND THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE GROUP SHOULD BE THE BEGINNING OF
10 THAT MEMBERSHIP, BECAUSE THESE CONVERSATIONS ARE ONGOING.
11 THERE'S MUCH THAT STILL NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED TO MAKE THIS
12 REALLY EFFECTIVE HERE IN THIS COUNTY. AND I APPRECIATE THE
13 MOTION ACKNOWLEDGING THAT. AND FOR THOSE REASONS, I LOOK
14 FORWARD THE AN AYE VOTE. THANKS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** INDEED. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

17

18 **DAYVON WILLIAMS:** MY NAME IS DAYVON WILLIAMS. I'M A MEMBER OF
19 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE WORKGROUP
20 WHO HELPED CREATE THE DIVERSION REPORT. LOS ANGELES COUNTY
21 LOCKS UP MORE THAN ANY OTHER PLACE IN THE WORLD, SO MANY MORE
22 YOUTH ANYWHERE, AND IS RACIALLY PROFILED, 95 PERCENT OF THEM
23 BEING BLACK OR LATINO IN THE JUVENILE HALLS. I AM FORMERLY
24 INCARCERATED, WAS ON PROBATION AS A YOUTH AND AS AN ADULT. AND
25 THE SYSTEM HAS TRIED TO DEFINE US IN THEIR CASTE SYSTEM AS

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1 UNIMPORTANT, BUT OUR YOUTH ARE IMPORTANT. WE NEED THIS MOTION
2 TO SUPPORT AND ADDRESS THESE ISSUES THAT OUR YOUTH ARE GOING
3 THROUGH. WE ALSO NEED TO FOCUS ON A FUTURE OF OUR LEADERS IN
4 THE COMMUNITY, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THIS MEANS AS WE MOVE FORWARD
5 WITH INVESTMENT IN YOUTH CENTERS, WE MUST DIVEST IN THE LAW
6 ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM. TRY, IT IS A WORD INVENTED BY THE WEAK. SO
7 THIS MEANS WE MUST DEFINITELY MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS MOTION
8 TRANSITIONING FROM YOUTH BEING INCARCERATED TO ALTERNATIVE
9 SOLUTIONS. THIS IS A GREAT FIRST STEP. BUT L.A. COUNTY IS ONE
10 OF VERY FEW THAT HAS NO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. AND I
11 THINK THAT SHOULD BE OUR NEXT STEP AFTER WE MOVE FORWARD WITH
12 THIS. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **GLORIA GONZALEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GLORIA GONZALEZ,
18 AND I'M WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M A MEMBER OF THE
19 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AS A YOUNG PERSON THAT WAS PART OF
20 THE YOUTH DIVERSION WORKGROUP, I AM IN FULL SUPPORT AND REALLY
21 WANT TO THANK THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR HAVING A MOTION LIKE THIS.
22 I AM ALSO GRATIFIED THAT THROUGH OUR HARD WORK, YOUTH
23 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT MADE IT INTO THE MOTION, WHICH ALLOWS
24 YOUTH TO NOT HAVE TO FIRST GET IN TROUBLE TO RECEIVE SERVICES
25 TO EXCEL AND THRIVE IN THEIR PERSONAL LIVES AND IN THEIR

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1 COMMUNITY. I WOULD ALSO URGE YOU TO PASS THE MOTION TO CREATE
2 A YOUTH COMMISSION SO YOUTH CAN ENSURE THAT THE DIVERSION
3 PROGRAM THAT IS IMPLEMENTED IS FULLY TRANSPARENT AND WORKING
4 TOWARDS THEIR NEEDS. AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING
5 THIS MOTION TO COME AND FOR FINALLY HAVING A YOUTH DIVERSION
6 FOR YOUTH IN L.A.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
9 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S KIM MCGILL,
12 ALSO WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AGAIN, WE WERE ALSO
13 HONORED TO BE A PART OF THE YOUTH DIVERSION WORKGROUP. WE ALSO
14 FULLY SUPPORT THIS MOVING FORWARD, OF COURSE. BUT WE WANTED TO
15 HIGHLIGHT SOME THINGS THAT WE THINK SHOULD BE ROBUSTLY
16 INCLUDED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION. ONE IS TO PROTECT YOUTH FROM
17 THE DATABASES THAT TRACK ARRESTS, WHICH IS MENTIONED IN THE
18 REPORT BUT WHICH WILL NEED REAL OVERSIGHT, AS WELL AS MAKING
19 SURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO PRONOUNCE ANY GUILT IN
20 ORDER TO GET INTO THE DIVERSION PROGRAMS. SECOND, THAT WE
21 PROTECT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ANY ESCALATION OF CHARGES THAT MIGHT
22 BE IMPLEMENTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR PROSECUTORS IN ORDER TO
23 AVOID YOUNG PEOPLE BEING ELIGIBLE FOR DIVERSION. THREE, THAT
24 WE PROTECT FILES AND OTHER SENSITIVE INFORMATION FROM ACCESS
25 BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THAT ONCE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE DIVERTED,

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1 THEY'RE IN THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT REALM OR INFRASTRUCTURE AS
2 OPPOSED TO BEING AN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT'S MANAGED BY LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT. THREE, THAT THE HOME WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY IS AN
5 IMPORTANT STEP FROM MOVING AWAY FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORT,
6 BUT THAT WE WORK IN THE FUTURE TO CREATE A HOME FOR YOUTH
7 DEVELOPMENT THAT GOES BEYOND JUST YOUTH DIVERSION AND THAT WE
8 NOT NAME IT YOUTH DIVERSION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS
9 SOMETHING THAT WE PUSHED HARD FOR. WE GOT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
10 LANGUAGE INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION. WE WANT TO URGE THAT YOUTH
11 DEVELOPMENT BE THE NAME, NOT YOUTH DIVERSION AND YOUTH
12 DEVELOPMENT, SO THAT AS IT GROWS, IT INCLUDES ALL THE OTHER
13 YOUTH THAT SUPERVISOR BARGER MENTIONED. THAT WE DRESS D.M.C.
14 IN LOS ANGELES. STILL, AS DAYVON MENTIONED, 95 PERCENT OF THE
15 HALLS AND CAMPS ARE YOUNG PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND THAT OFTENTIMES
16 WE MADE CHANGES IN THE COUNTY WITHOUT ADDRESSING
17 DISPROPORTIONATE CONTACT OF YOUTH OF COLOR. THAT THE YOUTH
18 COMMISSION BE ESTABLISHED THAT GLORIA SPOKE TO, SO THAT YOUTH
19 AND OTHER YOUTH WORKERS CAN REALLY IMPLEMENT THIS MOTION TO
20 ITS FULLEST AND HAVE REAL AUTHORITY OVER ITS OVERSIGHT. FIFTH,
21 COULD I MENTION THREE MORE?

22
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NO. ONE MORE.

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1 **KIM MCGILL:** OKAY. I WOULD SAY THERE'S ANOTHER IMPORTANT THING
2 THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL BROUGHT UP THAT WE THINK IS VERY
3 IMPORTANT. WE WERE JUST COSPONSORS OF THE BILL, SENATE BILL
4 395, THAT PASSED THE STATE LEGISLATURE THAT GUARANTEES THE
5 RIGHT OF EVERY YOUNG PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 16 TO SPEAK TO A
6 LAWYER BEFORE THEY ARE INTERROGATED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT,
7 WHETHER AT SCHOOL, ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE STREETS. WE
8 NEED TO ENSURE THAT THIS MOTION ALSO INCLUDES THAT AND THAT
9 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE AND THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC
10 DEFENDER'S OFFICE BEING KEY PARTNERS MOVING FORWARD SO THAT
11 YOUNG PEOPLE, EVEN IF THEY'RE BEING DIVERTED, HAVE AN
12 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO COUNSEL.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER NOW.

16

17 **DR. ANGELA IRVINE:** GOOD MORNING. I'M DR. ANGELA IRVINE, AND I
18 REPRESENT IMPACT JUSTICE. WE WERE THE CONSULTANT ON THE
19 PROJECT, AND WE HAD THE HONOR OF COFACILITATING THE C.C.J.C.
20 SUBCOMMITTEE. WHAT I'M HERE TO DO TODAY IS TO PLACE THE REPORT
21 WITHIN THE NATIONAL CONTEXT AND TO VALIDATE THAT THE WHOLE
22 COUNTRY IS LOOKING RIGHT NOW AT L.A. WE AS AN ORGANIZATION
23 LOOK ACROSS THE COUNTRY AT YOUTH INCARCERATION EFFORTS AS WELL
24 AS EFFORTS TO REDUCE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES. THIS IS
25 ONE OF THE MOST FORWARD- THINKING, PRE-ARREST DIVERSION PLANS

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1 IN THE COUNTRY. THE RECOMMENDATION TO WORK WITH LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY TO DIVERT STATUS OFFENSES,
3 MISDEMEANORS, NOT ONLY LOW-LEVEL FELONIES BUT MID-LEVEL
4 FELONIES PREARREST, HAS FEW PARALLELLESS. THE SUCCESS OF THIS
5 PLAN RESTS NOW ON THE SUPPORT OF THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN
6 LAW-ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY-BASED
7 ORGANIZATIONS. IF WE ARE GOING TO SERVE 80 PERCENT OF YOUTH IN
8 THIS COUNTY, WE NEED TO BUILD A TREMENDOUS INFRASTRUCTURE OF
9 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO DO THAT WORK. OUR HOPE IS
10 THAT RESOURCES WILL BE INTENTIONALLY INVESTED IN THE
11 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE MOST IMPACTED BY MASS INCARCERATION, AND,
12 ONE STEP FURTHER, THAT THOSE RESOURCES ARE INVESTED IN THE
13 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE LED AND STAFFED BY
14 PEOPLE OF COLOR OR SYSTEM- IMPACTED PEOPLE.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MR. PREVEN, JUST A SECOND, PLEASE.

21 WE'LL START YOU AGAIN. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

22

23 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME

24 FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? JULIO MARCIAL. HERMAN HERMAN,

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1 JOHN WALSH, AND WAYNE SPINDLER. AND MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT
2 CONCLUDES ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AND THAT WILL CLOSE THE HEARING ON
5 THE ITEM. MR. PREVEN, PLEASE.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND
8 DIVERSION IS A GREAT IDEA, OBVIOUSLY. AND I'M ATTRACTED TO THE
9 IDEA THAT THIS IS A NATIONAL BENCHMARK, BUT I CAN'T QUITE SEE
10 HOW YET. NINA AGRAWAL, WHO WRITES FOR THE L.A. TIMES, IS NOW
11 GOING TO BE ON THE NATIONAL BEAT. MAYBE SHE COULD COVER.
12 THERE'S NOBODY COVERING THE COUNTY GOING FORWARD, ACCORDING TO
13 THE TIMES. IT'S A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT. BUT IN TERMS OF THIS
14 PROGRAM, ABSENT FROM TODAY'S PRESENTATION WAS THE DISTRICT
15 ATTORNEY. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT SOMEBODY CORRECTED THAT THIS
16 IS ABOUT PRE-ARREST DIVERSION, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT. BUT
17 UNFORTUNATELY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHEN THEY ENCOUNTER SOMEONE
18 COMMITTING A CRIME, ARREST THEM. SO WE REALLY NEED TO GET THE
19 D.A. TO SHOW UP AT THE TABLE AT THIS THING AND MOVE FORWARD,
20 IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MEANINGFUL -- OH I SEE. THERE'S A WAY
21 TO NOT ARREST, NOT HAVE THAT ARREST BE -- IN OTHER WORDS, DROP
22 THE CHARGE ON SOMEBODY IF WE FEEL THEY CAN GO TO A COMMUNITY-
23 BASED ORGANIZATION. AND I DON'T HEAR A LOT ABOUT THAT. I DO
24 SEE THAT WE ARE SPENDING \$26 MILLION OVER 4 YEARS OR SOMETHING
25 LIKE THAT TO STAFF UP, BUT THAT'S FOR FOUR PEOPLE. SO THEY'RE

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1 ALL NOT MAKING THAT MUCH MONEY. WHAT SPECIFICALLY ARE THESE
2 FOLKS GOING TO BE DOING, BECAUSE THE PRIVATE GROUPS THAT
3 PROVIDE THIS SERVICE ON A, SOMEONE MENTIONED, PRO BONO BASIS
4 OR ARE RAISING MONEY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB. I DON'T KNOW IF
5 THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY TO GO. BUT I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO
6 RESULTS. AND THANK YOU TO THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, IF THEY'RE
7 COVERING SOME OF THAT 6 MILLION. THANKS.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. MA'AM?

10

11 **TANISHA DENRD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TANISHA DENRD FROM
12 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR
13 HELPING TO PUSH FORWARD WITH THE MOTION THAT WE'VE ALL BEEN
14 WORKING ON SO HARD TO GET PUT FORWARD. AND ALSO, I WANTED TO
15 SAY THAT THIS PROGRAM WILL BE VERY EFFECTIVE, BECAUSE FOR
16 SOMEBODY LIKE MYSELF, AT A YOUNG AGE I WAS TARGETED BY ONE OF
17 THE THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE TACTICS, WHICH WAS TRUANCY
18 TICKETS, AND EVENTUALLY THOSE TICKETS LED INTO WARRANTS AND ME
19 BEING ARRESTED. AND FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I COULD HAVE
20 EASILY GOT DIVERTED TO ONE OF THESE PROGRAMS. SO, THAT WILL BE
21 USEFUL FOR A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE FACING THOSE KINDS
22 OF MINOR ISSUES THAT COULD BE DIVERTED TO A JOB OR SOME TYPE
23 OF RESOURCES INSTEAD OF JAILS. THANKFULLY, WE AREN'T GIVING
24 TRUANCY TICKETS ON CAMPUS ANYMORE, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF
25 ISSUES THAT STILL, ON SMALL ISSUES, MINOR ISSUES THAT CYCLE

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1 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE INTO THESE SYSTEMS. SO, HAVING PREVENTATIVE
2 MEASURES IS GOING TO HELP A LOT. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE
3 SHOULD HAVE TO GO TO JAIL OR EVEN GET ARRESTED OR COME IN
4 CONTACT WITH THE POLICE TO GET A PROGRAM. BUT I FEEL LIKE
5 THESE STEPS THAT WE ARE TAKING WILL STILL HELP. BUT HOPEFULLY
6 WE GET TO A PLACE WHERE WE HAVE PLACES WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN
7 GO BEFORE THEY EVEN HAVE TO COME IN CONTACT WITH POLICE, JUST
8 KNOWING THAT THERE IS A DIVERSION CENTER THERE WHERE THEY CAN
9 GO LOOK FOR JOBS OR RESOURCES TO PREVENT THEMSELVES FROM
10 COMMITTING CRIMES THAT COULD LEAD THEM INTO JAIL. EARLIER,
11 BARGER SAID PROACTIVE NOT REACTIVE, AND I LIKE THIS STATEMENT,
12 BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE WITH THE DIVERSION PROGRAMS AND HOPEFULLY
13 WE EXTEND IT MORE TO A PLACE WHERE IT IS PROACTIVE AND WHERE
14 WE SEND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO OTHER RESOURCES INSTEAD OF JAIL.
15 THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU.

18

19 **JULIO MACIAL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
20 IS JULIO MACIAL. I SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH JUSTICE AT
21 THE LIBERTY HILL FOUNDATION. FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS, LIBERTY
22 HILL HAS WORKED WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO CREATE CONDITIONS
23 IN L.A. COUNTY THAT ALLOW ALL PEOPLE TO REACH THEIR FULL
24 POTENTIAL. AND TODAY WE STAND WITH OUR PARTNERS BY SUPPORTING
25 THIS HISTORIC MOTION TO KEEP KIDS OUT OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

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1 AND GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITIES FOR BETTER CHOICES. NOW MORE THAN
2 EVER OUR YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM MUST KEEP ALL COMMUNITIES SAFE,
3 FOSTER PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION, AND ENSURE FAIR AND
4 EQUAL JUSTICE. AFTER SPENDING MUCH OF THE PAST DECADE
5 LISTENING TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE WE ARREST AND INCARCERATE, I'VE
6 SEEN A SINGLE THEME EMERGE WITH REMARKABLE CONSISTENCY:
7 REHABILITATION HAPPENS IN A CONTEXT OF RELATIONSHIP. IF YOU
8 HAVE WITNESSED TRUE REHABILITATION, THE FACT THAT OUR DEFAULT
9 RESPONSE WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE VEER INTO TROUBLE IS ARREST AND
10 INCARCERATION SEEMS MORE THAN COUNTERINTUITIVE. THE TIME HAS
11 COME TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR FAILURES AND DEMONSTRATE THE COURAGE
12 TO TRY SOMETHING NEW, THE SAME COURAGE WE DEMAND OF YOUNG
13 PEOPLE WHO NEED A SECOND CHANCE. THE CHALLENGE IS NOT SIMPLY
14 TO BUILD A BETTER MOUSETRAP BUT TO REEXAMINE EVERY ASPECT OF
15 HOW WE ADDRESS YOUTH JUSTICE, FROM TAKING ON THE RACIAL,
16 EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INEQUITIES THAT FEED IT TO
17 ENSURING THAT RELATIONSHIP-FOCUSED COMMUNITY- INSPIRED
18 RESPONSES ARE NOT JUST BOUTIQUE ALTERNATIVES BUT BECOME THE
19 STATUS QUO AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE. IN THIS SPIRIT, LIBERTY HILL
20 SUPPORTS THE CREATION OF A NEW DIVISION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF
21 DIVERSION AND REENTRY FOCUSED ON YOUTH DIVERSION AND
22 DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU.

23
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT
25 SPEAKER.

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1

2 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO, IT IS VERY CLEAR NOWADAYS, ONLY IN AMERICA
3 DO WE FIND THAT SUCH INSTITUTIONS CANNOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE
4 SERVICES UNDER SUCH PROTOCOL THE FALL UNDER THE 42 U.S.C., AND
5 I WON'T INDICATE THE MATTER, BUT EDUCATION IS ONE. YOU HEARD
6 IT FROM THE ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT WITHOUT THE PROPER
7 EDUCATION, HOW DO THESE CHILDREN STAND A CHANCE? ALL WE TO IS
8 CONDEMN CHILDREN. WE DON'T FIND AN ALTERNATIVE MEASURE TO
9 RESORT TO EDUCATING AND CORRECTING THE BEHAVIOR. INSTEAD, WE
10 ATTACK, ATTACK AND ATTACK. SO, AS LONG AS WE CONTINUE TO HAVE
11 THAT NEGATIVE PROACTIVE APPROACH, OUR CHILDREN CANNOT OVERCOME
12 THE BOUNDARIES OF DETOURS THAT L.A.U.S.D. AND ALL OTHER
13 EDUCATION HAS PROVIDED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. FOR THAT
14 PARTICULAR REASON, YOU, THE VOTERS, MUST MAKE DECISIONS. AND
15 THOSE DECISIONS DEPEND ON YOUR ACCOUNTABILITY TO CORRECT AND
16 REFORM OUR INSTITUTIONS THAT CREATE THE PROBLEMS. SEE, I DON'T
17 GO BUILD A GARAGE INTO A HOME. I PREFER TO PUT CHILDREN WHO
18 HAVE SERVICES AND LACK OF SERVICES TO EDUCATION INTO A HOME,
19 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. SO, STOP MAKING THOSE PROBLEMS INCORRECTLY.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, A SHOUT OUT TO OUR FIFTH DISTRICT CAMP
24 MENDENHALL AND CAMP MUNZ, WHICH ARE AFFECTIONATELY CALLED CAMP
25 SNOOPY 1 AND 2. THAT'S OUR JUVENILE CAMPS THAT WE HAVE UP IN

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1 THE MOUNTAINS. SO, IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT WE STOP CRIMINALIZING
2 MINORS FOR DOING MINOR THINGS. SO, I WAS READING ANOTHER
3 REPORT, AND THEY EVEN PUT IN THAT THEY SHOULD WAIVE OFF MINOR
4 ARSON, AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T INVOLVE A DWELLING, AND I FULLY
5 SUPPORT THAT. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, WHAT KID HASN'T PLAYED WITH A
6 BOTTLE ROCKET? I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT. SO, YOU
7 KNOW THAT COPS WRITE MOST OF THESE TICKETS. AND THESE TICKETS,
8 99 PERCENT OF THEM ARE JUST DONE TO RAISE REVENUE. AND YOU PUT
9 IT ON THE KID'S BACK, AND THEN HIS PARENTS GOT TO BEAT HIM UP,
10 BECAUSE THE PARENTS GOT THE PAY SIX, SEVEN, \$800 IN FINES. SO,
11 LET'S GO AHEAD. ANYBODY UNDER THE AGE OF 18, DECRIMINALIZE
12 EVERYTHING.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG, OR
17 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL TWEETING AT @HOLLYWOODDEMS. YOU'RE DOING AN
18 EXCELLENT JOB. YOU KNOW, WE JUST CAME FROM HELL, WHICH IS THE
19 CITY COUNCIL. YOU ARE 100 TIMES BETTER THAN THE CITY COUNCIL.
20 AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS NOT A RACIST THE WAY HERB WESSON IS.
21 THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC
24 HEARING ON THE ITEM AT HAND. ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS ON THE
25 PART OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD? SEEING NONE, I SUSPECT,

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1 THEN, WE ARE POISED TO YET AGAIN MAKE HISTORY ON THIS BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS BY EFFECTIVELY SETTING A NEW STANDARD FOR THE
3 NATION WITH RESPECT TO JUVENILE DIVERSION. WITH THAT IN MIND,
4 MEMBERS, WE ISSUE A WORD OF THANKS TO YOU AND ASK THE
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU. AS
6 AMENDED. [APPLAUSE] SHALL WE PROCEED TO THE NEXT ITEM?

7

8 **LORI GLASGOW:** THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE YOU IS ITEM NUMBER 7,
9 STRENGTHENING THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC HEALTH
10 DIRECTIVES. THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND THERE
11 ARE 16 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
12 BOARD.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR?

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I AM VERY HAPPY TO
17 BRING THIS FORWARD. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW. THIS
18 ISSUE HIT ME ALMOST A DAY AFTER I WAS ELECTED AND ABOUT TO BE
19 SWORN IN ON THIS DISTINGUISHED BODY, WHICH WAS ACTUALLY ONE
20 YEAR AGO TOMORROW IS WHEN I WAS ELECTED, AND BEGAN HEARING
21 FROM RESIDENTS OF PARAMOUNT AND LONG BEACH ABOUT COMPANIES IN
22 THEIR COMMUNITIES WHICH WERE EMITTING HIGH LEVELS OF
23 HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM, WHICH WE KNOW IS A KNOWN CARCINOGEN.
24 THESE PLANTS ARE NEAR SCHOOLS, HOMES. AND I REALLY DO
25 APPRECIATE OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WHO IMMEDIATELY

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1 JOINED WITH ME AND THAT WE BEGAN GOING OUT INTO THESE
2 COMMUNITIES, HOLDING PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND LISTENING TO THEIR
3 CONCERNS. WE'VE WORKED WITH THE A.Q.M.D., WITH THE HEARING
4 BOARD, WITH THE FULL BOARD ON WHAT OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND
5 AUTHORITY WAS TO TRY AND GET THESE COMPANIES TO SHUT DOWN OR
6 COMPLY WITH A SAFE LEVEL OF EMITTING THESE TOXINS INTO THE
7 COMMUNITY. I KNOW WE CAN SHUT DOWN RESTAURANTS WHEN WE FIND
8 OUT THAT THEY ARE NOT COMPLYING WITH OUR HEALTH DIRECTIVES IN
9 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND I THINK THE PUBLIC APPRECIATES
10 THAT AND THE PUBLIC RELIES ON US TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN THEY
11 GO INTO AN EATING ESTABLISHMENT, THAT IT'S SAFE. WELL, I WAS
12 JUST WONDERING IF WE COULD DO THE SAME THING WITH THESE KINDS
13 OF COMPANIES. AND I THINK WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO. I THINK THESE
14 PLANTS ARE EMITTING DANGEROUSLY HIGH LEVELS OF TOXIN INTO THE
15 AIR, ARE A PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD. THEY ARE THREATENING THE
16 HEALTH OF THE RESIDENTS. THEY ARE THREATENING THE HEALTH OF
17 STUDENTS WHO ARE GOING TO THESE SCHOOLS NEXT TO THESE PLANTS.
18 SO, THIS MOTION WOULD INSTRUCT OUR COUNTY COUNSEL TO DETERMINE
19 WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN DO THAT AND WHAT THE FEASIBILITY IS OF
20 STRENGTHENING THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC HEALTH
21 DIRECTIVES, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO SHUT TOWN FACILITIES
22 EMITTING DANGEROUS TOXINS. AGAIN, THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT IS
23 REALLY WHAT BROUGHT THIS FORWARD THE ME, AS WELL AS LONG
24 BEACH. BUT I KNOW THERE'S SIMILAR SITUATIONS IN ALL OF OUR
25 DISTRICTS AND I'M HOPING THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL WILL COME

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1 BACK AND GIVE US A FAVORABLE REPORT THAT WE CAN GIVE OUR
2 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH A NEW TOOL AND THAT WE CAN
3 STRENGTHEN OUR ABILITY TO PROTECT ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY. AND I KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF SPEAKERS ON THIS.
5 BUT I REALLY APPRECIATE US BRINGING FORWARD. I THINK THE TIME
6 IS RIGHT TO DO THIS. SO, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** INDEED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
9 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU WISH TO BE HEARD?

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO COMMEND
12 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION UP. IT IS
13 VERY TIMELY. AND WE RECENTLY LAST YEAR HAD AN EPISODE IN OUR
14 DISTRICT IN MAYWOOD WHERE WE HAD THE MAGNESIUM FIRE. SO WE'RE
15 TRYING TO LEVERAGE HOW CAN WE BETTER IMPACT AND CONTROL THESE
16 CONTAMINANTS THAT SOMEHOW SOMETIMES GO UNREGULATED AND UNSEEN
17 AND HAVE A DEVASTATING IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY. I HAVE AN
18 AMENDMENT THAT I WANTED TO PUT FORWARD, IF I COULD READ THAT
19 IN, AND I WOULD ASK THAT YOU BEAR WITH ME. I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT
20 THIS AMENDMENT. WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT THE
21 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE AND HEALTH HAZMAT CERTIFIED UNIFIED
22 PROTECTION AGENCY, KNOWN AS C.U.P.A., IN CONSULTATION WITH
23 COUNTY COUNSEL TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS ON
24 THE FOLLOWING: ONE, C.U.P.A.'S JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY AS
25 IT RELATES TO HAZARDOUS WASTE AND EMISSIONS AND ANY OTHER

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1 PROGRAMS INCLUDING ANY BUSINESS PERMITS IT ISSUES AND, TWO,
2 C.U.P.A.'S JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC
3 FROM HAZARDOUS WASTE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
6 BARGER, PLEASE.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. I, TOO, WANT TO THANK YOU,
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR ALLOWING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS WITH YOU.
10 WITH ALISO CANYON, I THINK THAT WAS THE MOST FRUSTRATING PART
11 FOR ME, IS THAT WE HAD NO ABILITY TO DECLARE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
12 DO SOMETHING IMMEDIATELY. AND ACTUALLY, IN THE END, WE EVEN
13 HAD TO GO TO COURT AS IT RELATES TO THAT ISSUE. AND THANK
14 GOODNESS WE HAVE GREAT LAWYERS THAT WE ARE ABLE TO GO IN AND
15 ARGUE OUR CASE. BUT I THINK THAT WE DO NEED TO RE-VISIT THIS,
16 BECAUSE THE BUCK DOES STOP WITH US. AND RIGHT NOW THE STATE
17 HAS ALL THE CARDS, AND YET THERE'S A DISCONNECT. SO I THINK
18 IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN THAT LOCAL CONTROL. AND WHERE WOULD
19 BE A BETTER PLACE THAN IN PUBLIC HEALTH, WHICH REALLY DOES
20 HAVE THE CHARGE AS IT RELATES TO BEING THE PUBLIC HEALTH
21 OFFICER, FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES? SO, I REALLY WANT TO
22 THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION.

23

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS,
2 SUPERVISORS BARGER AND SOLIS. WE NOW TURN TO THOSE WHO WISH TO
3 BE HEARD.

4
5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** CAN I SAY ONE THING ABOUT THAT?

6
7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, THE MOTION.

8
9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, I WILL ACCEPT THE FRIENDLY
10 AMENDMENT. WHEN I FIRST SAW IT ON MY DESK, I WAS -- I'M NEW
11 AROUND HERE. WELL, NOT AS NEW AS I USED TO BE, BUT I WAS
12 LIKE, WHAT IS C.U.P.A.? WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH MY
13 MOTION? WHAT IS THIS? TO WHICH MY STAFF DID A LITTLE RESEARCH
14 AND FOUND OUT THAT, SURE ENOUGH, IN 1982, GUESS WHO WAS
15 RESPONSIBLE FOR HELPING TO START C.U.P.A. BUT SUPERVISOR KENNY
16 HAHN. SO, ALL MY ANXIETY WAS WASHED AWAY.

17
18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MY, MY, MY, MY, MY.

19
20 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** MY, MY. MY, MY, MY, MY. WHAT CAN WASH AWAY
21 MY SINS? BUT, ANYWAY, LET'S PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. LIST.

22
23 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
24 FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME AND STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU. DAVID
25 PETTIT. JESSE MARQUEZ. CYNTHIA BABICH. JANE WILLIAMS. FELIPE

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1 AGUIRRE. PLEASE COME FORWARD. GERALD CERDA. LAURE GUILLEN.

2 PLEASE COME FORWARD. MAGDALENA GUILLEN. MARTHA CAMACHO-

3 RODRIGUEZ. SARA HUEZO. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SIR, PLEASE PROCEED.

6

7 **JESSE MARQUEZ:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

8 MY NAME IS JESSE MARQUEZ. I'M A LIFETIME RESIDENT OF LOS

9 ANGELES COUNTY. I FORMED AN ORGANIZATION BACK IN APRIL 2001

10 CALLED THE COALITION FOR A SAFE ENVIRONMENT. WE'RE AN

11 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATION. WE ARE NOW INTO OUR 16TH

12 YEAR OF PUBLIC SERVICE. AND DURING THE COURSE OF 16 YEARS, I

13 HAVE LITERALLY ATTENDED HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF PUBLIC

14 HEARINGS BY VARIOUS DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OVER

15 PERMITS, LICENSES, NEW REGULATIONS, AND I'VE LEARNED QUITE A

16 BIT IN THAT TIME. I'VE ATTENDED PROBABLY A HUNDRED SOUTH COAST

17 A.Q.M.D. MEETINGS, AS WELL, BOTH BOARD MEMBERS AS WELL AS

18 SITTING ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES. AND WHAT I'VE LEARNED FROM

19 SITTING IN THE A.Q.M.D. MEETINGS, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE AN AIR

20 QUALITY REGULATOR, WHAT I HAVE NOT SEEN THEM DO IS SHUT DOWN

21 REPEAT OFFENDERS. IN 16 YEARS, UNDER THOSE HUNDREDS OF

22 CIRCUMSTANCES, I ONLY KNOW OF ONE THIME THAT I WAS INVOLVED

23 WHERE THEY PULLED A PERMIT. AND THAT SHOULD NOT BE. WE HAVE

24 CHILDREN. WE HAVE FAMILIES. MILLIONS OF RESIDENTS,

25 CONSTITUENTS OF L.A. COUNTY WHO HAVE TO DAILY BREATHE AND

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1 SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF TOXIC AIR POLLUTION AND LIVING
2 CLOSE TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. IN MY HANDOUT TO YOU, I HAVE
3 INCLUDED INFORMATION THAT SHOWS THAT YOU DO, IN FACT, HAVE THE
4 AUTHORITY TO SHUT DOWN A FACILITY AND PULL ITS PERMIT.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
7 TESTIMONY, SIR. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO PICK UP THE PACE.
8 SIR, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

9

10 **FELIPE AGUIRRE:** YES. MY NAME IS FELIPE AGUIRRE. I LIVE AND
11 WORK IN THE CITY OF MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA WITH COMITE PRO UNO.
12 WE ARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY, ONE SQUARE MILE
13 STUCK BETWEEN VERNON, COMMERCE RAIL YARDS, AND 710 FREEWAY.
14 STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION ON THE FLOOR. CREATE THIS
15 COMMISSION AND BE ABLE TO POLICE A LOT OF THESE POLLUTERS THAT
16 ARE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, WE WISH I HAD BEEN ROUND WHEN EXIDE
17 HAD BEEN IN FULL OPERATION. AND I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE
18 CAME HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF PARAMOUNT. THEY INVITED
19 US TO COME AND SUPPORT THEM, AND IN OUR PROCESS OF RESEARCH,
20 WE FOUND OUT THAT THERE IS A CHROME PLATER IN THE CITY OF
21 MAYWOOD ACROSS THE STREET FROM HELIOTROPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
22 WHICH IS REALLY INCREDIBLE, BECAUSE WE SO MANY PROBLEMS WITH
23 OUR WATER QUALITY, AIR, SO FORTH AND SO ON, SO WE STRONGLY
24 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. WE WISH THAT THIS PROCESS COULD BE
25 INCLUDED IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS. WE NEED TO CLOSE THESE COMPANIES

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1 DOWN BEFORE THEY CREATE ANY MORE DAMAGE TO OUR CHILDREN AND
2 OUR SENIOR CITIZENS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **CYNTHIA BABICH:** I'M CYNTHIA BABICH. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE
7 DEL AMO ACTION COMMITTEE. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THE
8 UNINCORPORATED HARBOR GATEWAY FOR OVER 24 YEARS. WE STARTED
9 OUR ORGANIZATION DUE TO THE HEALTH HARMS OF THE HAZARDOUS
10 SUBSTANCES THAT WERE AROUND US, AND WE'VE MADE GREAT STRIDES
11 WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR SUPERVISOR ON BRINGING ASSETS TO
12 OUR COMMUNITY LIKE A PARK. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT A RECENT
13 SITUATION THAT HAPPENED IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH REDEVELOPMENT.
14 WE ARE THE VICTIMS OF WHERE LAND USE PLANS COLLIDE. WE ARE IN
15 THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, BUT ACROSS THE STREET FROM US IS
16 THE CITY OF L.A., AND THEY'RE DOING SOME REDEVELOPMENT ON AN
17 OLD FACILITY, FARMER BROTHERS, WHICH HAS BEEN THERE SINCE THE
18 1940S. THE NEXT THING THE COMMUNITY KNEW, THEY HAD TORN DOWN
19 THAT FACILITY AND WERE GRINDING CONCRETE, AND IT WAS AFFECTING
20 AND BLOWING DIRECTLY INTO OUR COMMUNITY. WHEN WE CALLED OUT TO
21 A.Q.M.D., TO THE E.P.A., AND TO OTHER OFFICIALS, THERE WAS NO
22 RESPONSE. THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT CAME IN AND SHUT THAT
23 FACILITY DOWN MAKING SURE THAT THEY HAD THE PERMITS IN PLACE
24 FOR THEM TO CONTINUE THAT OPERATION. CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY
25 WITH ASTHMA, GOING TO THE DOCTOR, DOCTORS REPORTING THAT THEIR

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1 LUNGS WERE FILLED WITH DIRT. SO THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT
2 MOTION. WE DESERVE TO BE PROTECTED NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE. AND
3 SOMETIMES WHEN THESE JURISDICTIONS COLLIDE, NOBODY WANTS TO
4 TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANYTHING THAT'S GOING ON. SO I REALLY
5 THANK THAT YOU'RE BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. IT IS
6 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT THERE'S AN OVERSIGHT ON PUBLIC
7 HEALTH. AND WE DO LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING WORKING ON LAND
8 USE ISSUES IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE SUPERVISOR AND OTHERS.
9 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
12 TESTIMONY. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. ALL RIGHT? WE'LL TAKE THE
13 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **JANE WILLIAMS:** HI, I'M JANE WILLIAMS WITH CALIFORNIA
16 COMMUNITIES AGAINST TOXICS, AND I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT
17 THIS MAP. THIS IS A MAP OF THE CHROME PLATERS IN LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY. THERE'S 90 OF THEM. 10 OF THEM ARE WITHIN 500 FEET OF
19 SCHOOLS. ONLY 3 OF THEM EXIST OUTSIDE THE RED ZONES. THESE RED
20 ZONES ARE THE MOST HIGHLY POLLUTED, POVERTY STRICKEN, BY
21 CALENVIROSCREEN, WHICH IS A TOOL THE STATE HAS, WHERE MUCH OF
22 THE TESTIMONY YOU HEARD BEFORE WITH YOUTH, YOUTH
23 ENCARCERATION, LACK OF ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, DRUG
24 ABUSE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, THESE ARE SOME OF THE MOST HIGHLY
25 IMPACTED CENSUS TRACTS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND THESE

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1 ARE WHERE THESE HIGHLY TOXIC FACILITIES ARE. AND WE'VE BEEN
2 WORKING VERY HARD WITH THE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO
3 LOOK AT SOME OF THESE FACILITIES. AND WE REALLY NEED YOU TO
4 WORK WITH THEM TO EXPAND THEIR AUTHORITIES. WE LOOK FORWARD
5 TO, AS THIS PROCESS MOVES FORWARD, WORKING WITH THEM. AND I
6 NOTICED SOME WONDERFUL STATEMENTS BY YOUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7 TODAY, ESPECIALLY YOU, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. WE SHOULD ACT ON
8 WHAT WE KNOW.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YES.

11

12 **JANE WILLIAMS:** ABSOLUTELY. AND WE KNOW THAT MANY OF THESE
13 FACILITIES -- WE'RE POINTING OUT CHROME PLATERS TODAY, BUT
14 WE'VE GOT REFINERIES, WE'VE GOT METAL SHREDDERS, WE'VE GOT
15 FORGING FACILITIES. WE KNOW THAT THESE FACILITIES ARE HAVING A
16 HORRIBLE IMPACT ON THE VERY POPULATIONS THAT WE NEED TO
17 PROTECT. SO, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY ON THIS
18 TODAY.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I REPEAT. WE SHOULD ACT
21 ON WHAT WE KNOW.

22

23 **JANE WILLIAMS:** ABSOLUTELY.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **LAURIE GUILLEN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LAURIE GUILLEN, AND I'M A

3 PARAMOUNT CITY COUNCILMEMBER. I WON MY ELECTION THIS MARCH IN

4 2017 WHEN I STOOD BEFORE MY COMMUNITY AND I SAID I WOULD

5 ADVOCATE FOR THEM AGAINST THE AIR QUALITY CRISIS WE WERE

6 FACING. I AM IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO GIVE L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC

7 HEALTH THE ABILITY TO ENFORCE THE INDUSTRIES THAT ARE SPEWING

8 CHROMIUM 6 AND OTHER POLLUTANTS. LAST YEAR SUPERVISOR HAHN

9 GAVE THE COMMUNITY OF PARAMOUNT HER WORD THAT SHE WOULD STAND

10 WITH US IN OUR FIGHT FOR CLEAN AIR. SHE HAS PROVEN TO BE A

11 STRONG ADVOCATE. WE KNOW NOT ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS DO THE

12 SAME. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN. A LOT HAS HAPPENED WITHIN

13 THE YEAR, BUT NOT ENOUGH. WHILE THE S.C.A.Q.M.D. HAS CONTINUED

14 TO MONITOR CHROMIUM 6, THE ENFORCEMENT AND HOLDING THESE

15 COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE HAS BEEN UNSAT. WHEN THE PUBLIC HEALTH

16 PUT OUT DIRECTIVES TO THE POLLUTING COMPANIES AND THEN THE

17 A.Q.M.D. BACKPEDALED ON THEIR OWN STAT TEST RESULTS, WE NEED

18 ENFORCEMENT. WE APPLAUD SUPERVISOR HAHN'S EFFORTS TO GIVE THE

19 AUTHORITY TO THE L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, THE ABILITY TO

20 ENFORCE. WE ALREADY KNOW WE HAVE A PROBLEM, EVIDENCED THROUGH

21 THE MONITORING. BUT AS A 30-YEAR L.A.P.D. OFFICER, I CAN

22 COMPARE IT TO THIS. IF WE MONITOR CRIME BUT DO NOTHING ABOUT

23 IT, THEN WHAT'S THE POINT? SAYING WE HAVE AN AIR QUALITY

24 ISSUE, WE KNOW WE HAVE CHROMIUM 6, WE KNOW IT'S THERE BUT

25 CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. WE NEED ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. THE

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1 PUBLIC HAS LEARNED OVER THE LAST YEAR THAT WE SIMPLY CANNOT
2 RELY ON THE S.C.A.Q.M.D. ALONE. IT IS NOT ENOUGH, AND ENOUGH
3 IS ENOUGH. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
6 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **GERALD CERDA:** HOPEFULLY STILL GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING,
9 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS GERALD CERDA FROM THE CITY
10 OF PARAMOUNT. I AM HERE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN AND HER
11 STAFF, ALSO SUPERVISOR BARGER AND HER STAFF AND DIRECTOR OF
12 PUBLIC HEALTH AND THEIR STAFF FOR THIS MOTION TO STRENGTHEN
13 THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVES IN THE
14 CITY OF PARAMOUNT OR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AS CITIZENS OF
15 PARAMOUNT, OR RESIDENT, PARENT AND RESIDENT OF PARAMOUNT, IT
16 HAS BECOME AN OBLIGATION TO BECOME INVOLVED, NOT ONLY WITH
17 CITY MATTERS BUT ALSO WITH SCHOOL CONCERNS. OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS
18 NEED ATTENTION, AND THIS IS A BEGINNING OF GREAT POTENTIAL.
19 JUST TO CLOSE IT, I'M GOING TO SAY CHANGE IS HARD AT FIRST,
20 MESSY IN THE MIDDLE, AND GORGEOUS AT THE END. THIS IS FROM
21 ROBIN SHARMA. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE END. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
24 WE'LL TAKE YOUR TESTIMONY NOW. MA'AM?

25

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1 **MARTHA CAMACHO-RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARTHA
2 CAMACHO- RODRIGUEZ, AND I AM AN ORGANIZER WITH DIGNITY AND
3 POWER NOW. I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NUMBER 7, AND I WANT TO
4 THANK JANICE HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, AS WELL, FOR PUTTING
5 THIS TOGETHER AND REALLY TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE VOICES
6 OF YOUR COMMUNITIES. AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO ADDRESS EDUCATIONAL
7 AND ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM THAT FEEDS THE SCHOOL-TO- PRISON
8 PIPELINE, WE MUST CONTINUE TO DIVEST FUNDS FROM BUILDING A \$4
9 BILLION JAIL AND NEARLY \$80 MILLION FROM SHERIFF LITIGATION
10 FUNDS. OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE ASKING THEIR ELECTED
11 OFFICIALS TO STAND ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF EQUITY, INCLUSION AND
12 EQUALITY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CONCENTRATED AREAS LIKE COMPTON,
13 WATTS, LONG BEACH AND PARAMOUNT TO NAME A FEW. SO THIS MOVE TO
14 EMPOWER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT
15 DIRECTION. AND WE THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. MADAME EXECUTIVE
18 OFFICER, YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL NAMES TO CALL?

19

20 **LORI GLASGOW:** YES. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
21 FORWARD. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ERIC PREVEN. HERMAN HERMAN.
22 JOHN WALSH. WAYNE SPINDLER. YOLANDA LOPEZ. AND THAT IS
23 EVERYONE WHO HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM.

24

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1 **SARA HUEZO:** HELLO, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS SARA PATRICIA
2 HUEZO. I AM A RESIDENT OF PARAMOUNT. AND THIS MOTION FOR US IS
3 A BIG DEAL. WE'VE BEEN GOING TO EVERY SINGLE ENTITY TRYING TO
4 GET HELP WITH OUR CHROMIUM 6 ISSUE THAT'S PLAGUING OUR CITY IN
5 PARAMOUNT. WE'RE TRYING TO GET PROTECTION NOT JUST FOR OUR
6 RESIDENTS BUT WITHIN THE SCHOOLS. AND WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS HOW
7 HAPPY THIS MOTION MAKES US. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR
8 HEARTS, JANICE HAHN AND KATHRYN BARGER AND ALL THEIR STAFF AND
9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT
10 SCHOOL AND CITY GOVERNANCES HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT
11 THE HEALTH OF THE STUDENTS, STAFF AND RESIDENTS. AS A RESIDENT
12 OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT, WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO DIFFERENT
13 DEPARTMENTS IN OUR COUNTY. WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE LEVELS OF
14 CHROMIUM 6 THAT PLAGUE OUR CITIES. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF
15 SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER'S RECOMMENDATION TO STRENGTHEN AND
16 ENFORCE AUTHORITY OVER PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVES TOWARDS
17 FACILITIES THAT THREATEN PUBLIC HEALTH IN CITIES SUCH AS
18 PARAMOUNT, COMPTON AND IN LONG BEACH TO NAME A FEW. AS
19 ADVOCATES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES, WE
20 THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. MA'AM?

23
24 **YOLANDA LOPEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

2

3 **YOLANDA LOPEZ:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

4

5 **INTERPRETER:** MY NAME IS YOLANDA LOPEZ. I AM NOT A SOCIAL
6 WORKER. I AM NOT A PSYCHOLOGIST. NOR AM I A DOCTOR NOR DO I
7 HAVE A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST GROUP. HOWEVER, I AM A RESIDENT OF
8 THE CITY OF COMPTON. AND I'M A MOTHER. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, MAY
9 YOU PAY ATTENTION, PLEASE?

10

11 **YOLANDA LOPEZ:** WHEN SOMEBODY TALK TO, THEY NEED RESPECT,
12 PLEASE.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MA'AM, LET ME JUST SAY TO YOU THAT
15 IT IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, AND DON'T UNDERESTIMATE
16 THE FACT THAT YOU ARE BEING HEARD. PLEASE PROCEED AS YOUR TIME
17 IS BEING EXPENDED.

18

19 **YOLANDA LOPEZ:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

20

21 **INTERPRETER:** WE HAVE TOO MANY PROBLEMS IN THE CITY OF COMPTON
22 WHICH YOU REPRESENT. WE HAVE PROSTITUTION. WE DON'T HAVE
23 QUALITY EDUCATION. WE HAVE LIQUOR STORES NEAR SCHOOLS. WE HAVE
24 MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. AND WE HAVE A HIGH MAGNITUDE OF
25 CHROMIUM IN THE AREA. THIS CREATES HIGH CRIMINALIZATION RATES,

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1 GANGS, LACK OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DECEPTION IN OUR SCHOOLS, AND
2 THE PERSON WHO IS REPRESENTING THIS DISTRICT IS NOT DOING
3 ANYTHING. WE HAVE A HIGH CORRUPTION RATE WITH THE PEOPLE WHO
4 ARE REPRESENTING US, CORRUPTION IN STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS.
5 WHO IS GOING TO HELP US? I WANT TO SAY THAT NOBODY IS DOING
6 ANYTHING FOR US. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY IF SOMETHING WERE TO
7 HAPPEN TO ME, I AM MAKING REQUEST TO THE PEOPLE SIT-FRONT OF
8 ME BECAUSE I AM THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY AND THEY HAVE TAKEN
9 ME TO COURT...

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

12

13 **INTERPRETER:** GOD BLESS YOU, RIDLEY-THOMAS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AND GOD BLESS YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT
16 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OKAY, WELL SAID, YES, AND TO OUR GOOD FRIENDS
19 IN COMPTON, JUST HOPING THAT MR. BAKEWELL GIVES BACK THAT \$3
20 MILLION.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION. ARE YOU
23 FOCUS ONING ON THE ITEM AT HAND, OR DO YOU THINK THAT YOU'RE
24 JUST GOING TO HAVE A FULL STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS?

25

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** WELL, I MEAN, YOU KNOW.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THE ITEM AT HAND IS THE MOTION
4 INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. ADDRESS IT OR RELEASE THE
5 MICROPHONE. YOUR CALL.

6

7 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** CAN I HAVE SOME OF MY TIME BACK?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU CAN PROCEED.

10

11 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YOU DISRUPTED THE MEETING AND TOOK AWAY MY
12 TIME. I'M TRYING TO TALK ABOUT..

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** 26 SECONDS REMAINING.

15

16 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OKAY. JANICE HAHN, YOU KNOW, YOU GOT TO TELL
17 THIS GUY, OKAY, I'M NOT ABOUT THAT. I'M NOT ABOUT THAT, OKAY?
18 I'M TRYING TO DO SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE HERE, KATHRYN. I'M
19 TRYING TO DO SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE. TALK TO HIM. TIME OUT ON
20 WHAT YOU'RE DOING, BECAUSE I'M NOT HERE FOR THAT, OKAY? I'M
21 REALLY NOT HERE FOR THAT. SO WE NEED TO STOP THAT DRAMA.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

24

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1 **HERMAN HERMAN:** ALL ALONG, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. I CAN'T BELIEVE
2 THAT WE STILL HAVE THESE EXIDE AND CHROMIUM FUMES SPEWING INTO
3 OUR ATMOSPHERE DESTROYING COMMUNITIES LIKE COMPTON, WATTS, AND
4 EVEN MR. SPINDLER'S FREE SPEECH. SO WE MUST NOT TAKE OUR
5 ELEMENT OF REFRAMING OURSELVES FROM THE ACTUAL PROBLEM, AS
6 INDICATED BY THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING LADY. I GIVE HER ALL PROPS,
7 BECAUSE SHE IDENTIFIED MULTIPLE PROBLEMS IN MULTIPLE CITIES
8 AND PARTICULARLY IN YOUR DISTRICT, SIR. SO WE CAN'T BECOME
9 LIKE HERMAN JASON WESSON, JR., A.K.A. HERB, A RACIST. YOU
10 PARTICULARLY ARE NOT ONE. SO I MUST AGREE WITH MR. WALSH. WHEN
11 YOU DO A GOOD JOB AND YOU DEFEND PUBLIC FREE SPEECH AND THE
12 RIGHT TO ASSEMBLY, YOU'RE A-OKAY.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM NUMBER 7 IS BEFORE
15 US. DR. CLAVREUL.

16

17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
18 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR HAHN. BUT
19 ACTUALLY, THAT IS THE DUTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO LOCATE AREA WHO
20 HAVE CANCEROUS BACTERIA AND SO ON AND THAT'S OUR DUTY TO
21 ISOLATE IT PUBLICLY WHERE WE HAVE PROBLEM. AND THAT IS NOT
22 BEING DONE. THAT'S PART OF THEIR FUNCTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO
23 LOOK AT IT. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. FINAL SPEAKER?

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1

2 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND I
3 APPLAUD SUPERVISORS HAHN AND BARGER FOR FINDING OUT A WAY TO
4 RESPOND TO THE COMMUNITY WHEN THEY EXPERIENCE THESE VERY OFTEN
5 DANGEROUS AND FRUSTRATING EMISSIONS THAT COME INTO THE
6 NEIGHBORHOOD. AND SPEAKING OF EMISSIONS, WHEN THE PUBLIC IS
7 ADDRESSING THESE MATTERS AND TRYING TO SHARE WITH THEIR LITTLE
8 COMMISSIONS AND GROUPS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE COUNTY OR
9 HERE AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT IS CRITICAL THAT THEY BE
10 HEARD AND NOT BE SPEAKING TO AN EMPTY HALL OR TO A, FOR
11 EXAMPLE, COUNCILMEMBER OR IN THIS CASE SUPERVISOR WHO IS IN
12 CONFERENCE WITH ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE --

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ARE YOU ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 7?

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, I AM, SIR.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WHAT IS THE CONTENT OF ITEM NUMBER
19 7? IT IS NOT THE ADMONISHING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT
20 IS AN ITEM ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN. ARE YOU PREPARED TO
21 ADDRESS THAT, OR ARE YOU GOING TO RELINQUISH THE MICROPHONE?

22

23 **ERIC PREVEN:** I WOULD LIKE THE 15 SECONDS BACK SO THAT I MAY..

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL, YOU WILL NOT GET THEM UNLESS
2 YOU ARE GOING TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 7. YOUR CALL.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO, I WANT TO ADDRESS THE..

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL, DO SO.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** ..THE EMISSIONS, THE FOUL EMISSIONS..

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** ..TO THE COMMUNITY IN THESE NEIGHBORHOODS.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PLEASE PROCEED. MR.

15 WALSH?

16

17 **JOHN WALSH:** BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. THE ISSUE HERE
18 IS CHROMIUM. I THINK YOU'RE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB COMPARED TO
19 THE L.A. CITY COUNCIL, AND I SUPPORT YOU 100 PERCENT. THANK
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET US PROCEED. MADAME
23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

24

25 **LORI GLASGOW:** YOU HAVE ITEM NUMBER 7 AS AMENDED BEFORE YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** IT IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR HAHN,
3 ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS?

4

5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO THANK EVERYONE
6 WHO CAME DOWN. THANK YOU TO THE COUNCILWOMAN, LAURIE GUILLEN,
7 FROM PARAMOUNT FOR BEING HERE AND BEING SUCH AN ADVOCATE FOR
8 YOUR CITY. AND THANK YOU TO JESSE MARQUEZ, WHO I HAVE KNOWN
9 FOR SO LONG, AND UNFORTUNATELY HAD A TERRIBLE, TRAGIC EVENT
10 WHERE HIS FAMILY LITERALLY ESCAPED WITH THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF
11 AN EXPLOSION AT A REFINERY. AND THAT, I THINK, PROMPTED HIS
12 LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN
13 COMMUNITIES NEXT TO INDUSTRY DON'T HAVE TO SACRIFICE THEIR
14 HEALTH FOR A BUSINESS TO MAKE A PROFIT. SO, THANK YOU, JESSE.
15 AND I WANTED TO MAKE NOTE OF A LETTER THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
16 THOMAS RECEIVED FROM PAT WEST, A CITY MANAGER IN LONG BEACH,
17 WHO ALSO APPRECIATES WHAT WE'RE DOING AND HAS LONG BEEN ALSO
18 FIGHTING THIS ISSUE AND IS APPRECIATIVE OF OUR LEADERSHIP ON
19 THIS ISSUE AND SUPPORTS THIS MOTION. SO THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES,
20 FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD TODAY.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
23 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. AS
24 AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS,
25 PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE?

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1

2 **LORI GLASGOW:** THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE YOU IS ITEM 22. THIS IS
3 REGARDING THE DEVIL'S GATE RESERVOIR SEDIMENT REMOVAL..

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** DEVIL'S GATE. DEVIL'S GATE!

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW:** THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. THERE
8 IS A PRESENTATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MARK
9 PESTRELLA, AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, ANGELA GEORGE.
10 THERE ARE 25 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
11 BOARD ON THIS MATTER.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF
14 THE JURY, IT IS NOW 1:15. LET US BE MINDFUL OF THAT. I DID
15 SEEK TO SAY THAT TO A PREVIOUS SET OF PRESENTERS. THEY CHOSE
16 TO IGNORE THE HINT FROM THE CHAIR AT THE TIME. THEREFORE, WE
17 WILL USE MORE BLUNT OBJECTS AT THIS POINT AND SAY PLEASE BE
18 BRIEF IN YOUR PREENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR BARGER, THE FLOOR IS
19 YOURS.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO HAVE
22 MARK PESTRELLA GIVE HIS PRESENTATION AND THEN CALL FOR THE
23 PUBLIC TO COMMENT AND THEN I WILL RESERVE MY STATEMENT TILL
24 THE END.

25

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1 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. GOOD AFTERNOON,
2 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, CHAIR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR THE
3 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE DEVIL'S GATE RESERVOIR RESTORATION
4 PROJECT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TODAY. THE PROJECT WE ARE
5 RECOMMENDING REPRESENTS TODAY'S BEST AND MOST MODERN THINKING
6 WITH RESPECT TO WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING APPLIED
7 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT VALUES. THESE INCLUDE COMMUNITY-FIRST
8 OUTREACH. IT INCLUDES VALUING THE ENVIRONMENT, WATER
9 RESILIENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND, OF COURSE,
10 PROTECTION OF LIVES AND PROPERTY HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
11 I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR ANGELA GEORGE TO PROVIDE
12 YOU AN UPDATE ON THE PROJECT.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR ANGELA GEORGE.

16

17 **ANGELA GEORGE:** GOOD MORNING. I MEAN, GOOD AFTERNOON, EXCUSE
18 ME, CHAIR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AS DIRECTOR
19 PESTRELLA STATED, MY NAME IS ANGELA GEORGE AND I'M A DEPUTY
20 DIRECTOR WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
21 WORKS. TO BEGIN OUR PRESENTATION, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE AN
22 UPDATE ON WHERE WE CURRENTLY ARE ON THE PROJECT. IN 2014, THE
23 BOARD APPROVED THE PROJECT AND CERTIFIED THE E.I.R. THE E.I.R.
24 WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CHALLENGED BY THE ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION AND
25 THE PASADENA AUDUBON SOCIETY. THE COURT REVIEWING THE CASE

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1 UPHELD THE E.I.R. BUT DIRECTED THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO
2 CLARIFY AND RECIRCULATE THREE NARROW PORTIONS OF THE E.I.R.
3 AND THEN BRING THOSE PORTIONS BACK TO YOUR BOARD FOR APPROVAL.
4 THESE CLARIFICATIONS INCLUDE: PROVIDING MORE DETAILED EVIDENCE
5 TO SUPPORT THE 1:1 MITIGATION RATIO FOR NATIVE VEGETATION,
6 STATING THAT THE MITIGATION MEASURES ON THE PROJECT ARE ALSO
7 APPLIED TO THE DEVIL'S GATE WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT, SHOULD
8 THAT PROJECT MOVE FORWARD, AND THEN CONFIRMING THAT THE
9 HAULING TRUCKS USED FOR THIS PROJECT WILL MEET 2010 E.P.A.
10 CLEAN AIR STANDARDS. ALL OF THE COURT'S DIRECTIVES HAVE BEEN
11 ADDRESSED. AND TODAY WE ARE REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD CERTIFY
12 THESE THREE RECIRCULATED PORTIONS OF THE E.I.R. IF THE BOARD
13 CERTIFIES THE RECIRCULATED PORTIONS AND AUTHORIZES THE PROJECT
14 TO PROCEED, WE WILL GO BACK TO THE COURT IN DECEMBER TO INFORM
15 THE COURT THAT WE HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL OF ITS DIRECTIVES AND
16 ASK TO BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT. DEVIL'S GATE
17 DAM AND RESERVOIR ARE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PASADENA WITHIN
18 THE ARROYO SECO WATERSHED. THE ARROYO SECO WATERSHED IS 47
19 SQUARE MILES AND LINKS THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS WITH THE LOS
20 ANGELES RIVER. COMMUNITIES LOCATED IN THE WATERSHED INCLUDE
21 WEST ALTADENA, LA CANADA, PASADENA, HIGHLAND PARK, HERMAN,
22 MOUNT WASHINGTON, MONTECITO HEIGHTS, AND LINCOLN HEIGHTS.
23 DEVIL'S GATE WAS THE FIRST DAM BUILT BY THE FLOOD CONTROL
24 DISTRICT, AND IT WAS COMPLETED IN 1920. THE DAM WAS BUILT TO
25 PROTECT DOWNSTREAM COMMUNITIES FROM FLOODING BY ALLOWING STORM

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1 FLOWS, SEDIMENT AND DEBRIS TO BUILD UP BEHIND THE DAM. OVER
2 THE YEARS, BECAUSE OF VARIOUS STORM EVENTS IN THE WATERSHED,
3 OVER A MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF SEDIMENT BUILT UP IN THE
4 RESERVOIR. IN ADDITION, THE 2009 STATION FIRE AND SUBSEQUENT
5 STORMS DEPOSITED AN ADDITIONAL 1.3 MILLION CUBIC YARDS INTO
6 THE RESERVOIR. THE USEFUL LIFE OF A DAM IS DEPENDENT ON HOW
7 WELL THE RESERVOIR BEHIND IT IS MAINTAINED. RECOGNIZING THE
8 SIGNIFICANT BUILDUP OF SEDIMENT BEHIND THE DAM, WE DETERMINED
9 THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO REMOVE IT AND RESTORE THE DAM'S
10 CAPACITY TO RETAIN WATER, SEDIMENT AND DEBRIS. THE IMAGE
11 DEPICTED ON THE SCREEN SHOWS SEDIMENT ACCUMULATED BEHIND THE
12 DAM AFTER THE STATION FIRE. ACKNOWLEDGING A NEED FOR SEDIMENT
13 REMOVAL, PUBLIC WORKS WAS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD TO GO OUT INTO
14 THE COMMUNITY SURROUNDING THE DAM AND WORK WITH RESIDENTS AND
15 OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ADDRESS THIS NEED. THE
16 DEPARTMENT EMBARKED ON A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
17 PROGRAM THAT LASTED OVER 7 YEARS. WE HOSTED AND PARTICIPATED
18 IN OVER 80 MEETINGS, WHICH INCLUDED 15 COMMUNITY MEETINGS WITH
19 LOCAL RESIDENTS, 27 MEETINGS WITH IMPACTED CITIES AND THE
20 ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL, 38 MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS COMMUNITY
21 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION, THE
22 WINDSOR ARROYO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, ALTADENA HERITAGE,
23 THE COUNCIL FOR ARROYO SECO AGENCIES, THE CRESCENTA VALLEY
24 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, THE ROSE BOWL OPERATING COMPANY, AND
25 THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES. THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

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1 RESULTED IN A PROJECT THAT EMBRACES A HOLISTIC WATERSHED
2 APPROACH BY REDUCING FLOOD RISK TO DOWNSTREAM COMMUNITIES,
3 PROTECTING AND ENHANCING NATIVE HABITAT, AND PROMOTING
4 INCREASED RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND THE USE OF OPEN
5 SPACE. WORKING WITH THE IMPACTED CITIES AND COMMUNITY
6 STAKEHOLDERS, WE WERE ABLE TO RECONFIGURE THE PROPOSED PROJECT
7 AND ARE RECOMMENDING REMOVAL OF 2.4 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF
8 SEDIMENT, A PROJECT FOOTPRINT OF 69 ACRES, AND THE CREATION OF
9 OVER 70 ACRES OF HIGH-QUALITY NATIVE HABITAT. THE IMAGE ON
10 YOUR SCREEN IS A RENDERING OF WHAT THE PROJECT WILL LOOK LIKE
11 DURING DRY CONDITIONS AFTER SEDIMENT HAS BEEN REMOVED AND
12 HABITAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. THE 70 ACRES OF ENHANCED HABITAT
13 WILL BE CREATED BY REMOVING THE INVASIVE SPECIES LIKE POISON
14 HEMLOCK AND BLACK MUSTARD AND REPLACING THEM WITH NATIVE
15 SPECIES MORE CONDUCTIVE TO WILDLIFE, LIKE -- AND CALIFORNIA
16 BUCKWHEAT. NONNATIVE VEGETATION NEGATIVELY AFFECTS WILDLIFE BY
17 COMPETING WITH THE NATIVE SPECIES THAT USES FOOD AND SHELTER.
18 THE IMAGE DEPICTED ON THE SCREEN SHOWS A RENDERING OF A
19 WALKING PATH WITH NATIVE HABITAT THAT IS PROPOSED FOR PLANTING
20 IN THE AREAS SURROUNDING THE RESERVOIR AND LISTED IN THE DRAFT
21 PROJECT MITIGATION PLAN. IN CLOSING, BEFORE YOU TODAY IS A
22 PROPOSAL THAT WE BELIEVE MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY,
23 PROTECTS AND ENHANCES THE NATIVE HABITAT AROUND THE RESERVOIR,
24 AND ALLEVIATES THE FLOOD RISK TO DOWNSTREAM COMMUNITIES. WE
25 ARE REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD PROCEED WITH SEVERAL ACTIONS,

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1 INCLUDING CERTIFYING THE RECIRCULATED PORTIONS OF THE FINAL
2 E.I.R. FOR THE DEVIL'S GATE RESERVOIR RESTORATION PROJECT,
3 ADOPTING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED
4 RESTORATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT TO ADVERTISE AND
5 AWARD THE CONTRACTS FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECTS. I'LL NOW HAND
6 OVER THE PRESENTATION TO DIRECTOR PESTRELLA. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND, MR. CHAIR, I THINK MY COLLEAGUE AND
9 I ARE GOING TO ASK QUESTIONS AND WE WILL MOVE. LET THEM FINISH
10 UP.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. DIRECTOR, ARE YOU
13 CONCLUDING, OR HAVE YOU CONCLUDED?

14

15 **MARK PESTRELLA:** WE HAVE CONCLUDED. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENTATION FOR
18 MANAGING DIRECTOR, AND NOW WE'LL TURN TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I WANT TO THANK THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ALSO SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR
22 WORKING WITH US IN OUR OFFICES, AS WELL, BECAUSE ACCORDING TO
23 THE MAP, OUR COMMUNITY IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, WE HAVE SEVERAL
24 COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES THAT WILL BE IMPACTED. SO THERE IS
25 A DIRECT INTEREST ON MY BEHALF IN MY OFFICE. BUT I WANT TO

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1 JUST ASK A QUESTION OF THE STAFF. MY OFFICE HEARD FROM SEVERAL
2 ADVOCATES THAT THEY BELIEVE THAT THIS PROJECT BEFORE THE BOARD
3 IS TOO BIG AND THAT THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT NEVER CREATED A
4 MITIGATION PLAN. AND I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO SHARE YOUR
5 THOUGHTS ON THAT AND ALSO WHAT MITIGATION PLANS YOU HAVE IN
6 PLACE AS A RESULT. AND THEN ALSO, ADVOCATES CONTINUE TO SAY
7 THAT THE PROJECT OF THIS SIZE WILL LOSE TOO MUCH VEGETATION.
8 WE JUST SAW A DEPICTION OF WHAT IT MIGHT LOOK LIKE. BUT I
9 WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO PLEASE GO INTO DETAIL HOW YOU PLAN TO
10 MITIGATE AND PROMULGATE OUR NATURAL HABITATS. AND THEN ALSO,
11 THIRD, TO SUMMARIZE THE TYPES OF COMMENTS YOU RECEIVED IN THE
12 E.I.R. MEETINGS AND IN PARTICULAR ALSO WITH RESPECT TO THE
13 ARROYO SECO AREA WHERE THE FIRST DISTRICT IS IMPACTED. AND
14 THEN WE'LL GO FROM THERE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **MARK PESTRELLA:** OKAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THE PROJECT
17 DOES ENCOMPASS THE RESERVOIR WITHIN THE ARROYO SECO. THE
18 EASEMENT THAT WAS GRANTED ORIGINALLY IN 1920 FOR THIS PROJECT
19 IS OVER 120 ACRES IN SIZE. AND ANNUALLY OR THROUGH A PERIOD OF
20 TIME, LIKE A 10-YEAR CYCLE, YOU WOULD NORMALLY SEE THAT
21 RESERVOIR BE FILLED WITH SEDIMENT. IN FACT, NON-NATIVES BEING
22 KNOCKED DOWN IN THAT AREA AND THEN A REGROWTH OF NON-NATIVE
23 PLANTS IN THE RESERVOIR ITSELF. WHAT THE PROJECT THAT WE'RE
24 PROPOSING TODAY, HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED AND WE'RE
25 RECIRCULATING TODAY, ACTUALLY PROPOSES TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF

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1 AREA THAT IS DISTURBED SO THE FOOTPRINT THAT WE'RE CREATING
2 FOR FLOOD CONTROL PURPOSES IS CONFINED TO 41 ACRES. BEYOND
3 THAT 41 ACRES, WE HAVE A 70-ACRE RESTORATION PROJECT, WHAT
4 ESSENTIALLY IS A CREATION PROJECT, BECAUSE WHAT WE ARE DOING
5 IS TAKING NON-NATIVE PLANTS FROM THAT AREA AND TAKING THE
6 OPPORTUNITY TO PLANT NATIVE PLANTS WITHIN THE RESERVOIR THAT
7 TRADITIONALLY HAD BEEN DISTURBED AND LEAVE THAT IN A PERMANENT
8 STATE. SO, THE SIZE OR THE FOOTPRINT OF THE PROJECT IS
9 ACTUALLY A REDUCTION OF THE OVERALL USABLE AREA FOR RESERVOIR
10 PURPOSES. THE IDEA THAT THERE'S NOT A MITIGATION PLAN IS A
11 LITTLE BIT CONFUSING, BECAUSE -- HOWEVER, IT MAY BE A PROCESS
12 ISSUE. IN FACT, WE HAVE DEVELOPED A MITIGATION PLAN, AND YOU
13 SAW SOME OF THE IMAGES THERE, SOME OF THE HABITAT THAT'S BEING
14 CREATED, SOME OF THE WAYS IN WHICH WE INTEND TO MAINTAIN THE
15 FACILITY PRIOR TO THAT MITIGATION PLAN. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING
16 HAND-IN-HAND WITH THE STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE TO DEVELOP THAT
17 PLAN. HOWEVER, WHAT THE CONFUSION MAY BE IS THAT WE WILL NEED
18 TO HAVE THE BOARD RECIRCULATE, APPROVE THE RECIRCULATED E.I.R.
19 BEFORE WE CAN ACTUALLY OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM FISH AND WILDLIFE
20 FOR OUR MITIGATION PLAN. SO, WE'VE DONE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF
21 THINKING ABOUT MITIGATION AND TAKING INPUT, AS ANGELA
22 DESCRIBED, TO DEVELOP A PLAN THAT'S REALLY DIFFERENT THAN ANY
23 OTHER PLAN WE'VE HAD PREVIOUSLY IN THE HISTORY OF THE FLOOD
24 CONTROL DISTRICT WITH RESPECT TO THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION
25 OF A RESERVOIR BEHIND A DAM. SO, THAT'S THERE. WE HAVE, YES,

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1 BEEN HAVING GENERALLY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VOLUME OF MATERIAL
2 THAT WE'RE TAKING OUT OF THE RESERVOIR AND WHY THAT VOLUME.
3 AND I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT IN A MINUTE. BUT
4 ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING IS A FACTOR OF TWO,
5 SAFETY, TOO, WITH RESPECT TO THE AMOUNT OR THE DEPTH AND THE
6 VOLUME OF THE RESERVOIR MAINTENANCE AREA. AND THIS GIVES ME
7 SOME LEVEL OF COMFORT WITH RESPECT, ONE, TO WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN
8 IN A 50-YEAR STORM. A VERY LARGE STORM MAY COME AND ACTUALLY
9 DUMP A LOT OF MATERIAL IN THE RESERVOIR. AND THEN ON TOP OF
10 THAT, WHAT TYPICALLY HAPPENS IS IT TAKES TIME FOR US TO SET UP
11 AND ACTUALLY REMOVE THAT MATERIAL. AND AT THAT TIME, WHAT
12 WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT MORE MATERIAL WILL KEEP COMING,
13 BECAUSE YOU KNOW MOTHER NATURE DOESN'T SLOW DOWN. WE JUST
14 CONTINUALLY ANNUALLY RECEIVE SEDIMENT INTO THE RESERVOIR. AND
15 UNDER OUR PLAN, WE INTEND TO MOVE THAT MATERIAL, GET THAT
16 MATERIAL TO MOVE INTO A SPECIFIC ZONE AND THEN HAVE THAT BE
17 OUR MAINTENANCE AREA GOING FORWARD. WE HAVE BEEN REACHING OUT
18 TO THE DOWNSTREAM PROPERTY OWNERS FOR SOME TIME. AND, IN FACT,
19 IT SHOULD BE KNOWN THAT THE DEPARTMENT, THE COUNTY HAS BEEN
20 WORKING IN THIS WATERSHED WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS FOR OVER 20
21 YEARS LOOKING AT A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT WATERSHED HEALTH,
22 INCLUDING A POTENTIAL RESTORATION PLAN FOR THE ARROYO SECO AND
23 ALSO LOOKING AT EARLY-WARNING SYSTEMS AND EDUCATION SYSTEMS
24 FOR THOSE RESIDENTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AND CITIES THAT LIVE
25 AND WHO ARE POTENTIALLY IMPACTED BY FLOOD HAZARD DUE TO THE

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1 FLOWS FROM THE RESERVOIR. SO A FAIRLY COMPREHENSIVE SEVEN-
2 YEAR, MORE THAN SEVEN-YEAR REVIEW OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE
3 WATERSHED.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I THINK IT'S REALLY INTERESTING WHEN YOU
6 SHOWED THE PICTURE AFTER THE FIRE THAT TOOK PLACE THERE,
7 BECAUSE I HADN'T SEEN THAT FROM STAFF. SO, THE SEDIMENT,
8 WHATEVER IT IS, NATURAL DISASTER, KEEPS COMING. AND I DO -- I
9 AM CONCERNED, OBVIOUSLY, WITH RESPECT TO THE ARROYO SECO AREA
10 AND WHAT WE PROVIDE IN TERMS OF ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION. SO
11 I DIDN'T GET A NUMBER. HOW MANY FORUMS OR INFORMATION
12 ENGAGEMENTS DID YOU HAVE OUT IN HERMAN, MOUNT WASHINGTON,
13 MONTECITO HEIGHTS? HIGHLAND PARK, LINCOLN HEIGHTS?

14

15 **MARK PESTRELLA:** OKAY, YEAH. SO, JUST RECENTLY WE CONDUCTED A
16 COMMUNITY MEETING IN THE HIGHLAND PARK AREA THAT YOU'RE
17 REFERRING TO. THAT WAS TO UPDATE THAT COMMUNITY AND THE
18 GENERAL COMMUNITY IN THAT AREA ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE
19 RECIRCULATION. OVER TIME, WE'VE HAD OVER 80 COMMUNITY MEETINGS
20 UP AND DOWN THE AREA HERE. MOST OF THE ATTENDEES, THOUGH, HAVE
21 BEEN FROM THE PASCADENA AREA, ALTADENA, THAT AREA IN THOSE
22 MEETINGS.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY. AND, SUPERVISOR BARGER, I DID WANT TO
25 SUBMIT A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. I KNOW A LOT OF WORK HAS BEEN

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1 DONE ON THIS, AND I BELIEVE THAT A LITTLE MORE CAN BE DONE.
2 AND I'M PARTICULARLY, AS I MENTIONED, CONCERNED ABOUT OUTREACH
3 MEETINGS. SO I'D LIKE TO INSTRUCT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
4 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO DO THE FOLLOWING. I FURTHER MOVE
5 THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
6 PUBLIC WORKS TO DO THE FOLLOWING AND FORM AND ORGANIZE
7 ADDITIONAL OUTREACH MEETINGS FOR THE RESIDENTS IN THE
8 DOWNSTREAM AREAS OF HIGHLAND PARK, HARMON, MOUNT WASHINGTON,
9 MONTECITO HEIGHTS AND LINCOLN HEIGHTS AND ENSURE THAT DUST
10 CONTROL MEASURES ARE USED WHEN DISPOSING OF THE SEDIMENT AT
11 MANNING PIT IN THE CITY OF IRWINDALE, WHICH IS IN THE FIRST
12 DISTRICT. AND I SAY THAT, BECAUSE WE'VE TALKED ABOUT AIR
13 POLLUTION AND DUST PARTICLES THAT IMPACT OUR RESIDENTS. AND
14 THEN THE THIRD ITEM IS WORK WITH OUR LOCAL CITIES TO HELP
15 REPAIR THE ROADS OF THE NEIGHBORING COMMUNITY WHICH WILL BE
16 IMPACTED WITH ALL THE TRUCK TRAFFIC TRAVELING TO MANNING PIT.
17 WE WOULD HOPE SUPERVISOR BARGER WOULD ACCEPT THAT AS AN
18 AMENDMENT.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YEAH, MR. CHAIR, THAT WOULD BE A GOOD
21 TIME. ACTUALLY, I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO CALL UP MAYOR TORNEK TO
22 SPEAK, BUT PRIOR TO MAYOR TORNEK SPEAKING, WHY DON'T I JUST
23 INTRODUCE MY MOTION IT RELATES TO THIS? YOU KNOW, GIVEN THE
24 NATURAL DISASTERS IN TEXAS, FLORIDA AND PUERTO RICO THIS YEAR,
25 WE REALIZE THAT WE ARE ONLY ONE MAJOR EVENT FROM A DISASTER.

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1 EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE ENDURED HALF A DECADE OF DROUGHT, WE ARE
2 NOT IMMUNE TO LARGE FLOODING EVENTS. IF WE DO NOT ADEQUATELY
3 MAINTAIN OUR FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES, WE RISK PUTTING LIFE
4 AND PROPERTY IN DANGER. THE FIRST FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT IS TO
5 PROTECT OUR CITIZENS. THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FACILITIES
6 ARE DESIGNED TO DO EXACTLY THAT. ABSENT THESE CRITICAL
7 FACILITIES, HEAVILY POPULATED AREAS COULD QUICKLY BECOME
8 INUNDATED WITH FLOOD WATERS, PUTTING PROPERTY AT RISK AND
9 THREATENING LIVES, JUST LIKE WHAT WE SAW IN HURRICANE HARVEY.
10 EARLIER THIS YEAR DURING A SIGNIFICANT RAIN AND SNOW EVENT IN
11 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE OROVILLE DAM SPILLWAY WAS GREATLY
12 COMPROMISED, CAUSING THE EVACUATION OF 180,000 PEOPLE LIVING
13 DOWNSTREAM OF THE FEATHER RIVER. THE EMERGENCY SPILLWAY WAS
14 ENGAGED FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE DAM'S COMPLETION IN 1968.
15 IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT SUCH THREATS DON'T OCCUR IN OUR OWN
16 FLOOD BASIN, WE MUST PREP OUR FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES TO TAKE
17 ON SIGNIFICANT STORMS, WHICH IS THE POINT OF DEVIL'S GATE
18 SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT. I DO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT. I SUPPORT
19 THE GOALS OF RESTORING THE RESERVOIR TO ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSE.
20 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO PUBLIC WORKS REGULARLY MAINTAINING THIS
21 CRITICAL ASSET SO WE CAN AVOID THE POTENTIAL THREAT TO OUR
22 CONSTITUENTS. I BELIEVE THAT PUBLIC WORKS DESIGNED A GOOD
23 PROJECT, AND WITH THE INPUT OF OUR COMMUNITY, WE WILL HAVE A
24 GREAT PROJECT THAT EMBRACES A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AND
25 REFLECTS OUR CONCURRENT GOALS OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND HABITAT

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1 IMPROVEMENT. PUBLIC WORKS WILL RESTORE NATIVE HABITAT IN THE
2 RESERVOIR, RECREATING A THRIVING NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE
3 COMMUNITY TO ENJOY. NEW HIKING TRAILS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED, AND
4 FAMED PUBLIC FACILITIES SUCH AS THE OAK GROVE DISC GOLF COURSE
5 WILL BE PRESERVED. THE DEPARTMENT HAS CAREFULLY CRAFTED
6 SEDIMENT HAULING ROUTES AND TIMES TO GREATLY MITIGATE THE
7 IMPACT ON THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOLS. THE
8 TRUCKS HAULING SEDIMENT WILL BE MODELED 2010 OR LATER TO
9 ENSURE POPULATION IS REDUCED FOR THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT.
10 AFTER NUMEROUS MEETINGS WITH STAFF AND OPPONENTS OF THE
11 PROJECT, I RECOGNIZED THAT THE RECOMMENDATION ORIGINALLY
12 PROPOSED BY PUBLIC WORKS MAY SEEM A BIT AMBITIOUS AND MAY BE
13 UNNECESSARY. SO RATHER THAN READ MY WHOLE MOTION, I'M GOING TO
14 READ THE I THEREFORE MOVE. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
15 TAKE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER 22 ON TODAY'S
16 BOARD MEETING AGENDA AS SPECIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER FOR THAT
17 ITEM WHICH WILL AUTHORIZE THE SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT TO MOVE
18 FORWARD WHILE ENSURING THAT ALL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WILL BE
19 EITHER ELIMINATED OR SUFFICIENTLY MITIGATED INCLUDING THE
20 RESTORATION OF NATIVE HABITAT CURRENTLY DEGRADED BUY NONNATIVE
21 INVASIVE SPECIES. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT AND
22 AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ACTING AS THE CHIEF
23 ENGINEER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT OR HIS
24 DESIGNEE TO, ONE, REDUCE THE MAXIMUM TOTAL VOLUME OF SEDIMENT
25 REMOVAL DURING THE PROJECT BY 700,000 CUBIC YARDS OR

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1 MAINTAINING THE PROPOSED FOOTPRINT SO THEN INSTEAD OF REMOVING
2 A MAXIMUM 2.4 MILLION CUBIC YARDS PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL INFLOWS
3 DURING THE PROJECT A MAXIMUM OF 1.7 MILLION CUBIC YARDS PLUS
4 ANY ADDITIONAL INFLOWS DURING THE PROJECT WILL BE REMOVED AND
5 AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ACTING AS THE CHIEF
6 ENGINEER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT OR
7 HIS DESIGNEE TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE BOARD-
8 ADOPTED PLAN AND SPECIFICATIONS TO ACCOMPLISH THE REDUCTION IN
9 THE PROJECT SCOPE. NUMBER 2, ASSIST THE UNITED STATES ARMY
10 CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN COMPLETING THE ARROYO SECO ECOSYSTEM
11 RESTORATION STUDY TO IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR AQUATIC AND
12 RIPARIAN RESTORATION ALONG A 10-MILE REACH OF THE ARROYO SECO
13 DOWNSTREAM OF DEVIL'S GATE DAM, INCLUDING CONDUCTING OUTREACH
14 TO LOCAL RESIDENTS AND FIND THAT THE DISTRICT'S PARTICIPATION
15 IN THE STUDY IS STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA
16 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AS A FEASIBILITY OR PLANNING STUDY
17 FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTIONS WHICH THE DISTRICT HAS NOT
18 APPROVED, ADOPTED OR FUNDED AND FOR ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS HAVE
19 BEEN CONSIDERED. EXECUTE, AND NUMBER THREE, EXECUTE ANY
20 NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF
21 ENGINEERS TO ASSIST IN THE COMPLETION OF THE ARROYO SECO
22 ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION STUDY, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF FUNDS
23 FOR THAT STUDY IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2.5 MILLION.
24 NUMBER 4, COORDINATE WITH THE CITY OF PASADENA IN AN
25 ASSESSMENT OF THE FEASIBILITY OF MAXIMIZING STORM WATER

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1 CAPTURE AND GROUND WATER REPLENISHMENT AT THE RESERVOIR AND
2 WITHIN THE ARROYO SECO SPREADING GROUNDS. NUMBER 5, PROVIDE
3 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH AN ANNUAL WRITTEN REPORT ON THE
4 PROGRESS OF THE SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT AND COSTS INCURRED TO
5 DATE. NUMBER 6, FIND THAT THE REDUCTIONS TO THE PROJECT
6 PROPOSED IN THIS MOTION WILL HAVE THE SAME OR REDUCED
7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AS COMPARED TO THE APPROVED PROJECT AS
8 DETAILED IN ECorp CONSULTING INC'S REDUCED SEDIMENT REMOVAL
9 ALTERNATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW MEMO AND FURTHER FIND THAT
10 THE REVISED MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM,
11 REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING
12 CONSIDERATIONS ARE ADEQUATE FOR THESE REDUCTION TO THE
13 PROJECT. AND NUMBER 7, DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO PERFORM ALL
14 ACTIVITIES NECESSARY TO PERFORM THE STORAGE CAPACITY AT THE
15 LEVELS CONSISTENT WITH TODAY'S APPROVAL BY THE BOARD. AND THEN
16 I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT BACK
17 TO THIS BOARD IN 60 DAYS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING AND
18 IMPLEMENTING AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM TO NOTIFY DOWNSTREAM
19 RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES OF ANY ISSUES RELATED TO THE LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FACILITIES IF NEEDED AND
21 AS APPLICABLE. SO WITH THAT, MR. CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, THAT'S MY
22 MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION. AND THEN, MAYOR TORNEK, WOULD YOU
23 LIKE TO COME UP, TERRY TORNEK, CITY OF PASADENA?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR, IF YOU WOULD
2 COME FORWARD. SUPERVISOR BARGER TOOK GREAT PAINS TO MAKE SURE
3 THAT YOU WERE CALLED OUT SO THAT YOU CAN MAKE YOUR REMARKS
4 AFTER SHE MADE THAT ELOQUENT PRESENTATION OF HER MOTION, AS
5 HAD BEEN AMENDED PREVIOUSLY. THE FLOOR IS YOURS, SIR. PLEASE
6 PROCEED.

7

8 **TERRY TORNEK:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THE AMENDMENTS OFFERED BY THE
9 SUPERVISOR GO A LONG WAY TOWARD MEETING THE REQUESTS OF THE
10 CITY OF PASADENA. WE HAVE BEEN IN A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
11 COUNTY FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD, SINCE 1919 WHEN WE GRANTED THE
12 EASEMENT. WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR EASEMENT AND MAKE SURE THAT
13 IT'S MANAGED CORRECTLY. WE HAVE EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERNS, AND
14 YOU'LL HEAR OTHER CONCERNS FROM FROM CITIZENS TODAY ABOUT THE
15 VOLUME OF MATERIAL TO BE REMOVED. WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE
16 AMOUNT OF MATERIAL BE REDUCED FROM 2.4 MILLION CUBIC YARDS TO
17 1.1 MILLION. THIS MOTION REDUCES IT TO 1.7 MILLION, WHICH I
18 THINK IS A TREMENDOUS GESTURE. WE HAD ASKED THAT THE NUMBER OF
19 TRUCKS BE REDUCED FROM 400 TRUCK TRIPS A DAY TO 200, OR 120
20 TRUCK TRIPS A DAY. WE THINK THAT THE COUNTY APPROACH HAS BEEN
21 TO BLAST THROUGH THIS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO NOT
22 SUBJECT PEOPLE TO NOISE AND DUST FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD. BUT
23 WE THINK THAT 400 TRUCKS A DAY IS EXCESSIVE AND THAT THAT
24 SHOULD BE RETHOUGHT. AND THE FOOTPRINTS THAT YOU SAW
25 MAINTAINED WITH THAT NICE LAKE WHICH MIGHT APPEAR EVERY ONCE

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1 IN A WHILE THAT'S SHAPED KIND OF LIKE A GUITAR, WE HAD
2 REQUESTED THAT IT BE SHAPED MORE LIKE A BANJO, AND THAT THE
3 AREA TO THE WEST OF THE STREAM MIGHT BE HANDLED SOMEWHAT
4 DIFFERENTLY. BUT I THINK THAT THE SUPERVISORS' MODIFICATIONS
5 AS SUGGESTED THIS AFTERNOON GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS SATISFYING
6 THE CITY OF PASADENA'S REQUESTS, AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR IT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR.
9 MAYOR. AND THANK YOU FOR THAT ACOUSTIC PRESENTATION ON MATTERS
10 BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR BARGER, DO YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL REMARKS?

11

12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO, BUT I'D LIKE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO
13 CALL ANYONE TO WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS AND WE'LL LISTEN
14 TO THEM.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE BALANCE OF THE
17 SPEAKERS, PLEASE.

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
20 FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME AND STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU TO THE
21 SPEAKERS' WELL. DAN BILLY, PLEASE COME FORWARD. DAVE SOREM.
22 DEBRA FRANCIS. ERNESTO PENTAJO -- ERNESTO PANTOJA. HERMAN
23 HERMAN. MICHAEL LEWIS. SHACKELFORD. WAYNE SPINDLER.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. YOU MAY COME
2 FORWARD. ANYONE WISHING TO WAIVE? CERTAINLY, WE CAN
3 ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR NAME, YOUR ADDRESS, AND YOUR SERIAL NUMBER IF
4 YOU ARE SO INCLINED, AND YET WE CAN PROCEED BEYOND THE POINT
5 OF ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY. THE FLOOR IS YOURS, SIR.

6

7 **DAN BILLY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND L.A.
8 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAN BILLY. I'M HERE
9 REPRESENTING OUR BUSINESS MANAGER RON SIKORSKI AND THE 18,000
10 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS, INSPECTORS AND SURVEYORS THAT MAKE
11 UP THE OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 12. I'M ALSO HERE TO SUPPORT
12 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR JOBS. I'M HERE TODAY TO
13 SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD ON THE DEVIL'S GATE RESERVOIR SEDIMENT
14 REMOVAL AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT. RESPONSIBLE MAINTENANCE AND
15 REPAIR OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE IS AN OBLIGATION. IN SOME CASES
16 IT GETS OVERLOOKED. WE BELIEVE THIS PROJECT IS LONG OVERDUE.
17 ONE OF THE COMMENTS I'D LIKE TO MAKE, SOME PEOPLE MAY THINK
18 I'M HERE BECAUSE WE'RE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS AND WE HAVE
19 SOMETHING TO PROFIT FROM THIS PROJECT, BUT ONE THING I'D LIKE
20 TO SAY: WE PROFIT FROM THE PROJECT WHETHER THE PROJECT IS DONE
21 CORRECTLY IN THE BEGINNING OR IF THE SYSTEM FAILS AND WE HAVE
22 TO GO DOWNSTREAM AND CLEAN IT UP. I BELIEVE IN THE PRIOR. I
23 BELIEVE WE DO THE PROJECT RIGHT, WE DO IT ONE TIME, AND WE
24 MOVE FORWARD. WE'RE ASKING THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE

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1 RECOMMENDATIONS AND MOVE THIS PROJECT FORWARD. THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
5 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

6

7 **DAVE SOREM:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN THOMAS AND THE BOARD. MY NAME
8 IS DAVE SOREM. I'M A FORMER COUNTY EMPLOYEE FROM 1982 TO 1992.
9 I HAD THE DISTINCT OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN A FLOOD CONTROL
10 MAINTENANCE DIVISION WHICH ENCOMPASSED DEVIL'S GATE DAM. I
11 REMEMBER IN 1983 WHEN WE HAD A PROBLEM WITH A STUCK SLUICE
12 GATE AND WE HAD THE ROSE BOWL GOING ON THE NEXT DAY. IT'S A
13 VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM, THAT DAM. AND I'VE ALSO DESIGNED WORKS
14 AROUND THERE WHEN I WAS WITH THE COUNTY. BUT TODAY I'M
15 REPRESENTING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP OF JOBS. WE'RE AN
16 ORGANIZATION MADE UP OF 2,750 UNION CONTRACTORS AND OVER
17 90,000 UNION WORKERS. WE FULLY SUPPORT THE CLEANING OUT OF THE
18 DEVIL'S GATE DAM. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. AND I
19 FORGOT HOW PATIENT YOU HAVE TO BE AS A SUPERVISOR HERE. THANK
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
23 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. Y'ALL ARE DOING REAL WELL SO FAR.
24 THANK YOU.

25

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1 **DAVE SOREM:** IT'S BEEN A WHILE. IT'S BEEN 30 YEARS SINCE THE
2 LAST TIME I ADDRESSED YOU.

3

4 **ERNESTO PANTOJA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN, BOARD MEMBERS, MY
5 NAME IS ERNESTO PANTOJA. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF SERGIO RASCON,
6 BUSINESS MANAGER AND PRESIDENT OF LABORERS LOCAL 300, AND
7 WE'RE HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVIL'S DAM GATE
8 CLEANUP, AND REASON BEING, AS OUR BROTHER DAN BILLY SAID, WE
9 WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH THE OPERATORS, TEAMSTERS, AND
10 ANYBODY ELSE WORKING ON THE CLEANUP. BUT OUR KUDOS TO
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR INCLUDING THOSE SMALL, SOMETIMES AND
12 OFTEN UNSEEN COMMUNITIES OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS AND MONTECITO
13 HEIGHTS AND THOSE GUYS, BECAUSE WE HAVE MEMBERS THAT LIVE
14 THERE AND THOSE SMALLER COMMUNITIES THAT PEOPLE FORGET ABOUT.
15 AND THIS IS IMPACTFUL TO US, NOT JUST FOR THE JOBS, BUT IF
16 SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN, IT'S OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN LIVING IN
17 THOSE COMMUNITIES FOR A VERY, VERY LONG TIME. OUR MEMBERS
18 CHOOSE TO STAY IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY BUY THEIR FIRST
19 HOMES. SO FOR US, YOU KNOW, LINCOLN HEIGHTS AND THOSE AREAS
20 ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR MEMBERSHIP. AND THEN ALSO, WE WOULD
21 LOVE TO PARTICIPATE AND BE ABLE TO GET SOME LOCAL RESIDENTS
22 INTO THE UNIONS TO HELP WITH THE CLEANUP. SO, THANK YOU, AND
23 WE SUPPORT THIS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT
2 SPEAKER NOW.

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4 **DEBRA FRANCIS:** GOOD DAY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS
5 DEBRA ANN FRANCIS. I AM THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
6 N.A.A.C.P., NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
7 COLORED PEOPLE, UNITY BRANCH NUMBER 1092. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
8 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY REGARDING THE
9 DEVIL'S GATE RESERVOIR SEDIMENT REMOVAL AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT
10 UPDATE. WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT YOU HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE AND
11 THE CONCERNS AND REQUEST THAT THE PROPOSAL FROM OUR LETTER OF
12 SEPTEMBER 7, 2017. THE NEW CHANGES WILL DEFINITELY ENHANCE THE
13 COMMUNITY IN THE BEAUTIFUL ALTADENA, AND WE ARE VERY EXCITED
14 ABOUT BEING PART OF THE DEVIL'S GATE. ONLY NOT HELP OUR
15 ENVIRONMENT BUT THE SEDIMENT REMOVAL MANAGEMENT MANAGEMENT AT
16 THE DEVIL'S GATE RESERVOIR WILL RESTORE ITS FLOOD CAPACITY.
17 THAT WILL PROTECT LOCAL HOMES, BUSINESSES, ROADS AND HIGHWAYS.
18 UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, WE ARE TRULY LOOKING
19 FORWARD TO VISITING THE NATURAL HABITAT, NATIVE WILDLIFE,
20 NATIVE VEGETATION, AS WELL AS ENJOYING THE BEAUTIFUL
21 ENVIRONMENT AND BIRD WATCHING, HIKING, JOGGING, HORSEBACK
22 RIDING AND BICYCLING. OUR CHILDREN WILL BE THRILLED. I WANT TO
23 THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK THOSE THAT HAVE PASSED AWAY THAT
24 WORKED ON THE PROJECT FOR 30 YEARS, MY MOM ELIZABETH FLORENCE
25 FRANCIS, MRS. ANTHONY TONY STEWART, EUNICE FRIENDS. WE CAN BE

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1 OF ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT THEIR PROJECT. PLEASE LET US KNOW.
2 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY. WE
3 TRULY APPRECIATE YOU AND SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER FOR ALL YOU
4 HAVE DONE. GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
7 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **MICHAEL LEWIS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
10 BOARD. MY NAME IS MICHAEL LEWIS. I'M THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
11 OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COALITION ON WATER QUALITY. I
12 REPRESENT THE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATIONS IN CALIFORNIA.
13 AND WE WOULD URGE YOU TO ADOPT THIS ITEM TODAY. THIS IS AN
14 IMPORTANT FLOOD CONTROL SAFETY IMPROVEMENT THAT IS LONG
15 OVERDUE. THIS SITE ALSO PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE, OR HAS AN
16 IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THE COUNTY'S RESILIENCY PLAN, WHICH
17 IS CURRENTLY IN DEVELOPMENT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
18 IT'S ALSO AN IMPORTANT STEP, FRANKLY, IN DEMONSTRATING THAT
19 YOU ARE DILIGENT STEWARDS OF THE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
20 DOLLARS YOU ARE COLLECTING IN TAXPAYER DOLLARS FOR FLOOD
21 CONTROL, ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU MAY BE ASKING THEM FOR MORE
22 AGAIN NEXT YEAR. SO I WOULD URGE YOU TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. WE
23 NEED TO GET THIS WORK STARTED IMMEDIATELY. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT
2 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **TECUMSEH SHACKELFORD:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE SUPERVISORS. MY
5 NAME IS TECUMSEH SHACKELFORD, AND I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF
6 THE WINDSOR ARROYO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. OUR HOMES IS IN
7 THE BACK OF THE DAM. WE LOOK OVER THE DAM EVERY DAY. I WOULD
8 LIKE TO THANK THE FIFTH DISTRICT AND THE PUBLIC WORKS FOR
9 WORKING WITH OUR ASSOCIATION AND LISTENING TO OUR CONCERNS
10 ABOUT THE TRAFFIC, THE NOISE, THE POLLUTION THIS PROJECT WOULD
11 HAVE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. TRUCKS WOULD BE GOING THROUGH OUR
12 NEIGHBORHOOD IN SOME CASES IN FRONT OF OUR HOMES DAILY. WE
13 WERE ABLE TO WORK WITH THE FIFTH DISTRICT AND PUBLIC WORKS TO
14 RESOLVE SOME OF OUR ISSUES SUCH AS HAULING TIMES TO MONDAY
15 THROUGH FRIDAYS ONLY, HAULING TIMES ON THE ROUTES CONTROLLING
16 TO AVOID PEAK COMMUTE HOURS, HOURS OF OPERATION FROM 7 A.M. TO
17 3:30, SOUND WALLS BUILT TO BUFFER THE NOISE IN OUR
18 NEIGHBORHOODS, LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF THE DAM TO PREVENT
19 FUTURE BUILDING UP. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE THAT
20 LISTENED TO US AND ADDRESSING OUR CONCERNS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. MADAME EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICER?

24

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1 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
2 FORWARD AND STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU. WES MAY, PLEASE COME
3 FORWARD. BILL CHRISTIAN. CAROLYN MURPHY. DARRELL PARK. DON
4 BREMNER. DOROTHY WONG. ERIC PREVEN. JOHN WALSH. PLEASE COME
5 FORWARD.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SIR?

8

9 **HERMAN HERMAN:** DAM IF WE DO, DAM IF WE DON'T. BUT THE DAM MUST
10 GO UP. DEVIL'S DAM, THE 666 BEAST THAT WILL CREATE MORE JOBS
11 FOR VETERANS, MARINES AND THE ARMY, SPECIALIZED IN DIGGING FOX
12 HOLES TO DEFEND THIS COUNTRY. ISN'T THIS THE OPPORTUNITY TO
13 ENGAGE MILITARY VETERANS TO WORK, INEXPERIENCED MEN WHO HELD
14 UP TO THIS COUNTRY TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM OF EFFICIENCY,
15 ADEQUACY AND DIPLOMACY? IT'S TIME TO GET VETERANS TO WORK ON
16 THE DEVIL'S DAM, AND LET'S PUT 666 TOGETHER AND BUILD, BUILD,
17 BUILD. TRUMP.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **WES MAY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN THOMAS AND FELLOW
22 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS WES MAY, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
23 ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION. WE DO HEAVY UNDERGROUND
24 INSTALLATION OF WATER SEWER LINES, ET CETERA IN SOUTHERN
25 CALIFORNIA. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP,

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1 PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR THIS VITAL LOS ANGELES
2 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT. AND WE NEED TO GET THIS DONE SOON. THE
3 DEVIL'S GATE RESERVOIR SEDIMENT REMOVAL AND MANAGEMENT
4 PROJECT, BESIDES BEING A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE, THIS WILL
5 FURTHER OUR SUPPORT OF A WATERSHED MANAGEMENT APPROACH TO THE
6 CAPTURE AND PROPER STORAGE OF WATER IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
7 REGION IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS WORK WILL ALSO SUSTAIN
8 OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AS WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE
9 OPERATING ENGINEERS, LABORERS, TEAMSTERS, CARPENTERS, AND
10 CEMENT MASONS. AGAIN, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU ADOPT
11 THIS PROPOSAL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
14 MA'AM?

15

16 **CAROLYN MURPHY:** MY NAME IS CAROLYN MURPHY. I'M ON THE BOARD OF
17 DIRECTORS OF THE PASADENA AUDUBON SOCIETY. PASADENA AUDUBON
18 SOCIETY, DESPITE EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN SAID HERE THIS
19 MORNING, CONTINUES TO OPPOSE THE CURRENT PLAN, OKAY? WE
20 CONTINUE TO OPPOSE IT. WE DO NOT OPPOSE SEDIMENT REMOVAL. WE
21 UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S IMPORTANT. WE PROPOSE WHAT THE CITY OF
22 PASADENA ORIGINALLY WANTED, AND THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THEIR
23 PLAN IS TO JUST GO SLOW, DO LESS, AND DON'T HARM THE HABITATS
24 AND THE ENVIRONMENT AS THIS CURRENT PROGRAM DOES. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

2 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

3

4 **DON BREMNER:** YES, MY NAME IS DON BREMNER. I LIVE IN PASADENA.

5 I'M THE CONSERVATION CHAIR OF THE PASADENA SIERRA CLUB, AND I

6 WAS ON THE CITY'S WORKING GROUP THAT DEVISED AND PROPOSED THE

7 CITY'S PLAN THAT IT STILL SUPPORTS. THIS HAS BEEN A

8 CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE, MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE SCOPE, THE

9 AGGRESSIVENESS OF THE COUNTY'S PLAN. THE RATIONALE OF COUNTY

10 FLOOD CONTROL'S PROJECT, THE PREMISE, IS TO REMOVE 2.4 MILLION

11 CUBIC YARDS OF SEDIMENT AND DEBRIS TO ENSURE AGAINST

12 DOWNSTREAM FLOODING. THE HAHAMONGA BASIN MUST HAVE THE

13 CAPACITY FOR SEDIMENT WASHING DOWN OFF THE MOUNTAINS IN TWO

14 50-YEAR STORM EVENTS. WHEN WAS THE LAST 50-YEAR STORM? WAS IT

15 1969? WAS THERE FLOODING THEN? WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF A 50-

16 YEAR STORM? HOW CAN THE ENGINEERS SAY THERE'S A 2 PERCENT

17 CHANCE OF SUCH A STORM EACH YEAR? IN TWO 50-YEAR STORMS IN

18 QUICK SUCCESSION? IS IT 2 PERCENT OF 2 PERCENT? WHAT IS THE

19 PROBABILITY OF TWO IN SUCH QUICK SUCCESSION THAT SEDIMENT

20 CAN'T BE REMOVED IN TIME TO RESTORE THE BASIN'S CAPACITY? THE

21 CITY OF PASADENA'S PLAN WOULD REMOVE 1.4 MILLION CUBIC YARDS,

22 AS THE MAYOR STATED, TO RAISE THE BASIN'S CAPACITY TO 2-1/2

23 MILLION CUBIC YARDS, MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR ONE 50-YEAR STORM.

24 IT WOULD CAUSE FAR LESS ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE, AIR POLLUTION,

25 ET CETERA. IF THE COUNTY'S TWO BELTS AND TWO PAIRS OF

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1 SUSPENDERS PROJECTS WERE AN ISOLATED LOCATION, IT MIGHT BE
2 APPROPRIATE. BUT IN HAHAMONGA WITH ALL OF ITS ENVIRONMENT AND
3 RECREATION, IT'S TOO AGGRESSIVE. I APPRECIATE THE REDUCTION
4 THAT SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS PROPOSED. IT KIND OF SPLITS THE
5 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 1.1 AND 2.4, BUT I WISH IT COULD BE
6 EVEN SMALLER. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
9 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

10

11 **DARRELL PARK:** SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DARRELL PARK. IT SPENT A
12 LONG TIME ON THIS ISSUE, AND I WANT YOU GUYS TO RECOGNIZE A
13 PATTERN. COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS COME DOWN FIGHTING FOR THEIR
14 COMMUNITIES, FIGHTING FOR THEIR ENVIRONMENT. WHAT HAPPENS? YOU
15 GUYS CONSISTENTLY VOTE FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE SITTING HERE
16 GETTING PAID. LOTS OF PEOPLE WILL HAVE A HUGE INTEREST IN
17 SEEING NOW 300 TRUCKS PER DAY EVERY DAY FOR FIVE YEARS. I ASK
18 ANY ONE OF YOU TO STAND UP AND SAY YOU WANT TO DO THAT TO YOUR
19 COMMUNITY. THAT IS UNTHINKABLE. THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO DO
20 THIS. THE GERMANS HAVE ALREADY FIGURED OUT HOW TO DO SLURRY.
21 YOU CAN GET THAT AMOUNT OF SEDIMENT OVER TIME. THAT SEDIMENT
22 GOT THERE BY WATER. WHAT YOU'RE TELLING EVERYONE WITHOUT
23 SAYING IT IS YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS
24 WITH 300 TRUCKS A DAY AND PUTTING THAT DIRT IN A HOLE IN
25 IRWINDALE. I DARE ANY ONE OF YOU TO GO ON THE EVENING NEWS

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1 TONIGHT AND SAY THAT YOU'RE IN SUPPORT OF 300 TRUCKS A DAY IN
2 A VERY SMALL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD EVERY SINGLE DAY FOR
3 FIVE YEARS. AND, OH, BY THE WAY, IT'S GOING TO COST \$100
4 MILLION WHEN THE GERMANS HAVE FIGURED OUT HOW TO DO IT CHEAPER
5 AND IN A MUCH MORE ENVIRONMENTAL WAY. THIS COUNTY HAS
6 NEGLECTED THIS IN SUCH A HORRIBLE WAY. YOU GUYS NEED TO RELOOK
7 AT THIS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
10 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. SO THESE ARE THE LAST TWO
11 SPEAKERS? ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU CALL THE BALANCE?

12

13 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
14 FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? CHRISTLE HINTZ. KYM BUZDYGON.
15 LINDA WORLD. MARK GOLDSCHMIDT. MARNIE GAEDE. MITCHELL TSAI.
16 TIM BRICK. VERONICA JONES.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE AN
19 OBLIGATION TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR REQUEST. YOU HAVE AN
20 OPPORTUNITY TO WAIVE IF YOU SO DESIRE. PROCEED.

21

22 **DOROTHY WONG:** IS IT AFTERNOON NOW? GOOD AFTERNOON, ALL OF THE
23 GREAT SUPERVISORS HERE. MY NAME IS DOROTHY WONG. I AM A NEW
24 TOWN COUNCILMEMBER HERE IN ALTADENA. I AM A 15-YEAR RESIDENT
25 OF ALTADENA. I'M A 20-YEAR LOVER OF THE ARROYO SECO. IN A

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1 QUICK WAY, I CAME FROM LOS ANGELES FROM HAWAII. DOES EVERYONE
2 UNDERSTAND HAWAII MEANS BREATH OF LIFE, WATER AND SUPREME
3 BEING? WHAT WE REALLY NEED WITH THE HAAMUNGA WATERSHED IS A
4 BALANCED APPROACH. WE NEED A BALANCED APPROACH. THIS IS
5 ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY. THIS IS ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH. I HAVE JUST
6 LISTENED FOR THE PAST FOUR HOURS, ALL OF THE ISSUES. WE HAVE
7 HOMELESSNESS. WE HAVE SICK PEOPLE. AND THIS HAAMUNGA IS MORE,
8 AND IT MAKES ME ALMOST WANT TO CRY THINKING ABOUT ALL OF THESE
9 VOICES AND CONTRACTS, WHEN WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS A BALANCED
10 APPROACH. SO, I COMMEND SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR YOUR APPROACH AT
11 LOWERING IT, AND FOR ME IT'S THE UKELELE, JUST LIKE THE BANJO.
12 LET'S LEAVE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR FOR OUR WILDLIFE THAT ARE USING
13 THAT TO GET AROUND. I ALSO AM A GRADUATE OF THE SAN GABRIEL
14 MOUNTAINS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PROMOTING THE NEED FOR
15 WILDERNESS, PUBLIC LANDS, NATIONAL MONUMENT SPACE. WE THANK
16 YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR WORK THERE, SUPERVISOR SHEILA
17 KUEHL FOR YOUR WORK ON BANNING POLYSTYRENES THAT ARE ENDING UP
18 IN OUR WATERSHEDS. LET'S VOTE ON A BALANCED APPROACH TO THE
19 FUTURE OF OUR RIVER SYSTEMS. THE ARROYO SECO IS A RIVER. IT'S
20 NOT JUST A RESERVOIR. WE ARE 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY, AND LET'S KEEP STRIVING FOR BALANCE. ALOHA.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THERE
24 IS A RIVER. SIR, PLEASE PROCEED.

25

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** GOOD. SO, THE PASADENA, YES, THEY HAVE A
2 RIGHT. SETTLEMENT COMES FROM THE WATER. IT'LL TAKE CARE OF
3 ITSELF IN GRADUATION. BUT WHEN YOU DREDGE, YOU DIG, YOU
4 DISTURB. YOU PUT STUFF ON TRUCKS. THE TRUCKS CREATE POLLUTION.
5 AND THEN THEY DUMP IT IN POOR LITTLE IRWINDALE OR SOME OTHER
6 PLACE THAT'S NOT -- WHY NOT MALIBU? THEY SHOULD DUMP THE STUFF
7 IN MALIBU. THERE'S PLENTY OF LAND UP THERE. WHY? BECAUSE
8 EVERYBODY THERE IS SUPER- RICH, AND THEY DON'T WANT THOSE
9 [EXPLETIVE] TRUCKS. SO, THEY GO AND THEY PUT THEM IN THE
10 LITTLE POOR AREAS, BECAUSE THE POOR PEOPLE TOLERATE IT. THE
11 WEALTHY COMMUNITIES DON'T TOLERATE IT. BUT PASADENA KNOWS WHAT
12 THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT WHEN IT COMES TO ARROYO. IT'S ONE OF THE
13 MOST PASSIONATE GROUP OF PEOPLE YOU EVER SEE IN YOUR LIFE. SO,
14 SUPPORT THE PASADENA PLAN. IT COSTS A LOT LESS MONEY, TOO.
15 LESS POLLUTION ON THE TRUCKS. AND POOR LITTLE IRWINDALE AND
16 C.D.1, THEY DON'T HAVE TO GET HIT WITH ALL THIS STUFF.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

19

20 **LINDA WORLD:** YES. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN.

23

24 **LINDA WORLD:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS LINDA WORLD AND I'M HERE
25 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ALTADENA HERITAGE, WHICH IS A 501(C)3

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1 NONPROFIT DEDICATED TO PRESERVING AND ADVOCATE FOR FOR THE
2 HISTORICAL, CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HERITAGE OF OUR
3 COMMUNITY. WE'VE RESPONDED TO THE -- ALTADENA HERITAGE HAS
4 RESPONDED TO EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 PUBLIC WORKS' PROGRAM FOR DEVIL'S GATE, INCLUDING THE MOST
6 RECENT ONE ON THE REVISED FINAL E.I.R. AND I HAVE -- EVERYONE
7 RECOGNIZES THAT THE COUNTY MUST REMOVE SEDIMENT FOR PUBLIC
8 SAFETY. THE QUESTIONS ARE HOW MUCH AND HOW FAST. WE OPPOSE THE
9 SCALE OF THE CURRENT PROPOSAL AND INSTEAD SUPPORT WHAT'S
10 CALLED THE PASADENA PLAN, AND ENOUGH PEOPLE HAVE TALKED ABOUT
11 IT THAT I WON'T GO INTO THAT. WE DO THINK THAT -- LET'S SEE. I
12 JUST MADE A MISTAKE OF GOING EXTEMPORARY FOR 30 SECONDS. WE
13 REALLY APPRECIATE KATHRYN BARGER'S AMENDMENT TO THE PROPOSAL.
14 IT CERTAINLY MOVES IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND THAT DIRECTION
15 HAS BEEN, IN THE FOUR YEARS I'VE WATCHED THIS, THAT HAS BEEN
16 THE DIRECTION THINGS HAVE MOVED. I REALLY DO APPRECIATE IT.
17 BUT WE STILL WOULD LIKE TO SEE LESS INTERRUPTION OF BOTH THE
18 ENVIRONMENT AND THE ADJACENT NEIGHBORHOODS, INCLUDING
19 ALTADENA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20
21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

22
23 **MARNIE GAEDE:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MARNIE GAEDE. I'M AN ADJUNCT
24 PROFESSOR AT ARTS CENTER COLLEGE OF DESIGN. I AM A LONG-TIME
25 RESIDENT OF LA CANADA, A PARENT, A GRANDPARENT. AND MY CHIEF

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1 OBJECTION TO ALL OF THIS DISCUSSION IS THAT WE'RE CONSTANTLY
2 TALKING ABOUT THE RISK OF DOWNSTREAM. AND THOSE OF US THAT ARE
3 IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT RECOGNIZE THAT FULLY. WE ALSO
4 SUPPORT THE PASADENA PROGRAM OF LESS. BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE
5 OTHER RISK THAT HASN'T REALLY HAD A VOICE HERE TODAY, AND
6 THAT'S THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE ATTENDING THE NINE SCHOOLS
7 THAT ARE REALLY DOWNSTREAM OF THIS, AND DOWNSTREAM, I MEAN THE
8 DIESEL EXHAUST POLLUTION, WHICH IS A KNOWN RISK, A KNOWN
9 CARCINOGEN, A KNOWN DISRUPTION TO HORMONAL, HORMONES AND
10 BRAINS AND YOU'VE GOT AN EXCESS RISK OF CANCER, HEART DISEASE,
11 ASTHMA. MY SON WAS AN ASTHMATIC. HE ATTENDED BOTH LA CANADA
12 HIGH SCHOOL AND HILLSIDE CENTER. I WOULD HAVE TO REMOVE HIM AT
13 THE CURRENT RATE, THE 400 TRUCKS PER DAY. IT IS IFFY IF HE
14 COULD EVEN GO THERE AT 200 TRUCKS A DAY. AND I KNOW MANY
15 STUDENTS THAT ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ON CONCENTRATION LEVELS,
16 WHICH HILLSIDE SCHOOL WORKS WITH A.D.H.D. STUDENTS. THE AMOUNT
17 OF TRUCKS, THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC, THE AMOUNT OF DISRUPTION.
18 THE REDUCED PROJECT GOES A LONG WAY IN REDUCING THESE RISKS TO
19 THOSE NINE SCHOOLS AND OUR CHILDREN. AND I'M HERE TO ADVOCATE
20 AND BE A VOICE TO THEM, WHICH WE'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT IN
21 THIS MEETING. AND THANK YOU, KATHRYN, FOR YOUR REDUCTION.

22
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
24 SPEAKER.

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1 **VERONICA JONES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I AM
2 VERONICA JONES, A MEMBER OF THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL
3 REPRESENTING CENSUS TRACT --

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MISS JONES, CAN YOU GET CLOSER TO
6 THAT MICROPHONE, PLEASE.

7

8 **VERONICA JONES:** I'M VERONICA JONES, A MEMBER OF OF THE
9 ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTING CENSUS TRACT 4610. THAT'S
10 WEST ALTADENA. I'M A 55-YEAR RESIDENT OF ALTADENA. MY CONCERNS
11 ARE NOT WITH HOW MUCH DIRT YOU TAKE OUT OF DEVIL'S GATE
12 PROJECT AREA BUT THE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON THE SURROUNDING
13 COMMUNITIES. I AM HERE TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE
14 GUIDELINES FOR TRUCKS ENTERING AND EXITING THE PROJECT ARE
15 STRICTLY ADHERED TO. THE RESIDENTS OF CENSUS TRACT 4610 DO NOT
16 WANT THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS USED AS THOROUGHFARES FOR THE TRUCK
17 TRAFFIC. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE TRUCK STAGING DOES NOT
18 IMPACT LOCAL TRAFFIC. WE HAVE J.P.L. AND SCHOOLS IN THE AREA
19 THAT HAVE HEAVY TRAFFIC DURING THE PEAK HOURS. TRUCKS
20 SHOULDN'T BE PARKED ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS OR STREETS THAT
21 COULD IMPEDE TRAFFIC. PASADENA AND ALTADENA WILL BE EQUALLY
22 IMPACTED, AND I'M HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RESIDENTS OF
23 ALTADENA CENSUS TRACT 4610 ARE HEARD AND CONSIDERED. MY OTHER
24 CONCERN IS REGARDING LOCAL HIRING. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE
25 THAT THE CONTRACTOR THAT IS AWARDED THIS JOB DOES THEIR DUE

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1 DILIGENCE IN MAKING SURE THE LOCAL HIRING GUIDELINES ARE
2 FOLLOWED AND UPHELD IN MAKING SURE THAT THERE IS HIRING FROM
3 THE NORTHWEST ALTADENA COMMUNITY AT ALL LEVELS OF THE PROJECT.
4 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **MITCHELL TSAI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS. THANK
9 YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. MY NAME IS MITCHELL TSAI. I'M AN
10 ATTORNEY HERE ON BEHALF OF THE ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION AND THE
11 PASADENA AUDOBON SOCIETY. WE APPLAUD KATHRYN BARGER'S
12 AMENDMENTS. WE BELIEVE THAT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
13 BUT STILL REITERATE MY CLIENT'S OBJECTIONS TO THE PROJECT.
14 THIS MORNING, MY OFFICE SUBMITTED A COMMENT LETTER LAYING OUT
15 SOME ADDITIONAL OBJECTIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
16 PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT. I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THAT LETTER
17 INTO THE RECORD. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO
20 SUBMITTED. NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **TIM BRICK:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, I'M TIM BRICK, THE MANAGING
23 DIRECTOR OF THE ARROYO SECO FOUNDATION. AND I'VE WORKED WITH
24 THE COUNTY AND THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR 30 YEARS ON THE
25 MANAGEMENT OF HAHAMONGA. AND IT'S FASCINATING THAT WE CALL IT

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1 HAHAMONGA AND THE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT CALLS IT
2 DEVIL'S GATE RESERVOIR. IT SAYS SOMETHING. THIS USED TO BE A
3 COUNTY PARK. AND 25 YEARS AGO, THE CITY OF PASADENA DECIDED TO
4 MAKE IT, TO REALLY HONOR IT AS THE VERY SPECIAL PLACE THAT IT
5 IS AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL TREASURE, BECAUSE THIS IS ONE OF THE
6 MOST IMPORTANT CONNECTING LINKS TO THE LOS ANGELES RIVER FOR
7 HABITAT AND WILDLIFE, BECAUSE IT CONNECTS THE SAN GABRIEL
8 MOUNTAINS ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE LOS ANGELES RIVER. SO IT'S A
9 VERY IMPORTANT CONNECTING LINK. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT REGIONAL
10 LINK. OUR PROGRAM HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO
11 UNDERTAKE SLOW, SYSTEMATIC REMOVALS OF SEDIMENT FROM THE
12 BASIN. THE SEDIMENT SHOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN TO THIS LEVEL AT
13 THIS TIME. IT SHOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THERE. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN
14 REMOVED A LONG TIME AGO. IN FACT, THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
15 HASN'T REMOVED ANY SEDIMENT FOR 24 YEARS. SUPERVISOR BARGER'S
16 AMENDMENTS MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT WE'RE STILL VERY
17 CONCERNED ABOUT THE INADEQUACIES, THE SEVERE INADEQUACIES OF
18 THE MITIGATION PROGRAM. AND WE DON'T FIND THIS PROJECT ONE BIT
19 RESILIENT. YOU'VE TAKEN POLICY POSITIONS FOR RESILIENCE. THIS
20 PROJECT IS EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE OF RESILIENCE. AND I URGE YOU
21 REALLY TO LOOK INTO THAT BECAUSE YOU NEED TO DO MORE.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SIR, MAY I SUGGEST THAT YOUR TIME
24 HAS EXPIRED?

25

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1 **TIM BRICK:** YOU NEED TO DO MORE THAN TAKE POLICY POSITIONS --

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

4 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER,

5 PLEASE?

6

7 **KYM BUZDYGON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KYM BUZDYGON. I AM

8 THE PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE PASADENA AUDUBON. SINCE I'M HERE

9 REPRESENTING AUDUBON, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT BIRDS FOR A

10 MINUTE. IN PARTICULAR, THE LEAST BELL'S VIREO, AND THE LEAST

11 BELL'S VIREO IS A STATE AND FEDERALLY LISTED ENDANGERED

12 SPECIES. WHEN IT WAS FIRST LISTED, THERE WERE ONLY 300 PAIRS

13 REMAINING. IT'S A SMALL BIRD THAT MIGRATES FROM BAJA TO

14 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO BREED. AND WHEN IT GETS HERE, IT NEEDS

15 RIPARIAN HABITAT TO NEST. IT NEEDS WILLOW AND MULEFAT, AND IT

16 NEEDS A CERTAIN AGE OF WILLOW AND MULEFAT TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

17 LEAST BELL'S VIREOS HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED IN HAHAMONGA BY OUR

18 AUDUBON MEMBERS, AND THAT'S REALLY EXCITING. THAT MEANS THAT

19 THEY'RE CONTINUING TO EXPAND AND STABILIZE THEIR POPULATION.

20 BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO STAY IF WE DESTROY THE BEST HABITAT

21 IN THAT PARK. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO NEST IF THE RIP OUT THE

22 WILLOWS AND MULEFAT EVERY YEAR. IF YOU BULLDOZE THE HABITAT

23 AND CONTINUE TO SCRAPE IT BARE EVERY YEAR, THE VIREOS ARE NOT

24 COMING BACK, AND NEITHER ARE A LOT OF OTHER BIRDS AND WILDLIFE

25 TO THIS AREA. SO IN ADDITION TO THE REDUCTION IN VOLUME, I

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1 WOULD ALSO URGE YOU TO CONSIDER A REDUCTION IN THE FOOTPRINT,
2 AS SEEN IN THE PASADENA PLAN. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **MARK GOLDSCHMIDT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARK GOLDSCHMIDT.
7 I'M A 30-YEAR RESIDENT OF ALTADENA. OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS,
8 I'VE ATTENDED MANY INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ON THE SO-CALLED BIG
9 DIG, AND I'M FAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUES. I BELIEVE IN SAFETY.
10 THERE'S NO QUESTION SEDIMENT REMOVAL IS REQUIRED. BUT IT IS
11 ALSO IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THERE'S NOT BEEN A DEATH DUE
12 TO FLOODING IN THE ARROYO SECO FOR OVER 100 YEARS. THE
13 PASADENA PLAN THAT WE'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT THAT REMOVES ABOUT
14 HALF THE AMOUNT OF SEDIMENT AS THE PROPOSED PLAN IS A SAFE
15 PLAN, AND I URGE THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE MODIFIED REDUCED
16 PLAN. I THINK I LAUD SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR HER COMING HALFWAY.
17 I GUESS IT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. BUT I WOULD LIKE
18 TO SEE IT REDUCED EVEN MORE. THE PASADENA PLAN BALANCES SAFETY
19 WITH MAINTENANCE OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND, MOST
20 IMPORTANTLY, WILDLIFE HABITAT. ALTHOUGH IT'S ALSO VERY -- A
21 LOT OF RECREATION GOES ON THERE. A LOT OF PEOPLE USE THAT FOR
22 RECREATION AND HORSEBACK RIDING AND SO ON. UNDER THE PROPOSED
23 PLAN, THE RESERVOIR WILL BE DUG DOWN, THE ORIGINAL PLAN, DUG
24 DOWN TO A DEPTH IT HASN'T BEEN SINCE 1930. BUT THIS IS NOW
25 UNNECESSARY. THE REASON THAT CREATES SUCH A DEEP HOLE WAS TO

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1 GATHER RUNOFF TO FEED THE CROSSTOWN PIPELINE. THAT BOONDOGGLE,
2 I BELIEVE, IS DEAD. THERE IS NO LONGER A NEED TO CREATE SUCH A
3 DEEP HOLE AND SCOUR A STERILE BASIN. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SIR?

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
8 DISTRICT. AND ONE OF THE GENTLEMEN WHO SPOKE EARLIER TALKED
9 ABOUT A PROJECT IN GERMANY OR PROJECTS IN GERMANY WHERE THEY,
10 BY CREATING A SLURRY, WHICH IS A MIXTURE OF WATER AND -- THEY
11 THEY CREATE A MORE SYSTEMIC, SUSTAINABLE WAY TO MOVE THE DIRT
12 OUT OF THE AREA. TO BRING 300 TRUCKS THROUGH A NEIGHBORHOOD I
13 KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT. AS YOU KNOW, THE HARVARD-WESTLAKE
14 PROJECT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE THIRD DISTRICT WAS PROPOSING
15 TRUCKLOADS AFTER TRUCKLOADS AND THE NEIGHBORS CAME OUT. AND
16 JUST LIKE THE PEOPLE AT PASADENA, THEY SAID NO, WE CAN'T. AND
17 THE PEOPLE IN YOUR DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE CAN'T HAVE
18 THAT KIND OF A GIANT IMPACT ON SUCH A SMALL AMOUNT OF PEOPLE.
19 IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A SOLUTION FOR THE FUTURE. IT'S GOING TO
20 BE A SOLUTION FOR THE IMMEDIATE. IT IS GOING TO BE \$100
21 MILLION INTO THE RAFT OF FOLKS WHO ARE GOING TO BE PAID TO
22 DRIVE TRUCKS AND DO THE WORK. AND THEY WILL DO THE WORK
23 WHEREVER YOU GIVE THEM THE WORK. BUT THIS IS NOT A GOOD
24 STRATEGY. WE NEED A STRATEGY THAT DEPLOYS STATE-OF-THE-ART
25 TECHNOLOGY TO BRING SOLUTIONS TO L.A. COUNTY. SUPERVISOR

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1 KUEHL, WHO IS THE SUSTAINABLE QUEEN OF L.A. COUNTY? BUT THIS
2 IS NOT A GOOD PROJECT. THIS IS A PROJECT THAT IS GOING TO
3 MOTOR THROUGH ANGELENOS ALL OVER THE PLACE AND NOT SOLVE THE
4 PROBLEM ULTIMATELY.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC
7 HEARING. SUPERVISOR BARGER, PLEASE.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE
10 FOR COMING AND SPEAKING. AND, TIM, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
11 TAKING ME OUT ON A HIKE TO VIEW HAHAMONGA, DEVIL'S GATE, AND
12 SEE IT THROUGH YOUR EYES. AND I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS A VERY
13 DIFFICULT PROJECT, AS SOMEBODY WHO LIVED IN THE AREA. I KNOW
14 THE POTENTIAL, AND IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT PUBLIC WORKS, BEFORE
15 YOU CAME ON BOARD, MARK, WAS NOT MAINTAINING THAT DAM, WHICH
16 IS REALLY WHAT GOT US IN THIS POSITION TODAY. MY ONE QUESTION
17 TO YOU IS THERE IS A DISCREPANCY. SO, THE CONSTRUCTION
18 FOOTPRINT FOR THIS PROJECT IS 69 ACRES. IS THE CONSTRUCTION
19 FOOTPRINT FOR THE PASADENA WORKING GROUP PLAN DIFFERENT? I'M
20 TRYING, BECAUSE I'VE HEARD 40 ACRES AND I'VE HEARD 69 ACRES.

21

22 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE
23 FOOTPRINT BETWEEN THE PASADENA PLAN AND THE COUNTY'S, OUR
24 PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU TODAY. THIS IS A DIFFERENCE IN THE

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1 VOLUMETRIC AMOUNT OF MATERIAL BEING PROPOSED, AS YOU'RE AWARE
2 OF.

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4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO, I UNDERSTAND, BUT THE BANJO VERSUS
5 THE --

6

7 **MARK PESTRELLA:** NO. THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE CURRENTLY BETWEEN
8 THE TWO PLANS.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, I JUST THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT
11 CLARIFICATION, BECAUSE I KNOW WHEN I MET WITH THE COMMUNITY
12 GROUPS, THAT WAS OF CONCERN. AND YOU STATED IT WAS AN
13 ENGINEERING WAY THAT THIS WAS DONE SO THE WATER FLOW.

14

15 **MARK PESTRELLA:** CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
18 DON'T DO ANY MORE THAN WE NEED TO AND WE KEEP WITHIN THAT
19 FOOTPRINT AND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, EVEN MAKE IT SHAPED LIKE A
20 BANJO, TO QUOTE MAYOR TORNEK. ALSO, AS IT RELATES TO THE
21 TRUCKS, CLEAN ENERGY TRUCKS, OR ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A MANDATE
22 IN THE R.F.P. AS IT RELATES TO WHAT KIND OF TRUCKS ARE GOING
23 TO BE HAULING THE SEDIMENT, OR CAN WE?

24

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1 **MARK PESTRELLA:** SUPERVISOR, IN FACT, ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS
2 THAT YOU'RE CONSIDERING TODAY IS TO UPDATE THE STANDARD FOR
3 THE TRUCKS TO THE 2010 TRUCK STANDARD, AND IT'S A CLEAN-AIR
4 STANDARD THAT COMPLIES WITH ALL REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS,
5 INCLUDING THE 2013 AIR QUALITY BOARD'S MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE
6 BASIN.

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, THE 2010 IN MY MOTION WILL REFLECT
9 THAT?

10

11 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND THEN, I KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS
14 GOING TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS, BUT I KNOW, SHACKELFORD, I WANT TO
15 THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. THIS WILL HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON
16 YOUR AREA WHERE YOU RESIDE. AND ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT WE
17 HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR WAS THE NUMBER OF TRUCKS AS IT RELATED TO
18 -- BECAUSE MY THOUGHT WAS WHY CAN'T YOU JUST SPREAD IT OUT?
19 BUT BY SPREADING IT OUT, YOU ARE INCREASING THE LENGTH OF TIME
20 THAT THEY'RE DOING THIS AND IT'S MORE DISRUPTION TO THE
21 NEIGHBORHOOD. SO, CAN YOU ELABORATE ON HOW YOU CAME UP WITH
22 THE DECISION ON THE NUMBER OF TRUCK HAULS PER DAY?

23

24 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YOU'RE CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. THERE ARE SEVERAL
25 PARAMETERS THAT AFFECTED THE DECISION ON TRUCK HAULING. SO,

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1 FOR JUST A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND, THAT WAS ONE OF THE
2 ORIGINAL ISSUES THAT WERE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION BY THE
3 COMMUNITY, THOSE MEMBERS YOU MENTIONED TODAY. FIRST, THE
4 TRUCKING THAT WE PROPOSE WILL HAPPEN WITHIN THE BASIN AND UP
5 OUT OF THE BASIN ON NO RESIDENTIAL STREETS. SO, WE WILL ENTER
6 THE... ONE SEC. WILL COME UP OUT OF THE BASIN ONTO OAK GROVE
7 DRIVE DIRECTLY ONTO THE 210 FREEWAY AND THEN TO BROOKSHIRE
8 PLACE ONTO THE 210 FREEWAY. THIS IS GOING TO BE -- IN ORDER TO
9 ACCOMPLISH THAT, WE ARE GOING TO BE BUILDING TWO RAMPS WITHIN
10 THE BASIN TO MOVE THE TRUCKS FROM THE BASIN DIRECTLY AND NOT
11 HAVE TO TRAVERSE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS, THEREFORE REDUCING
12 THE IMPACT THERE. NO STAGING WILL OCCUR IN RESIDENTIAL
13 NEIGHBORHOODS, AS WAS REQUESTED PREVIOUSLY BY ONE OF THE
14 WITNESSES HERE TODAY. WE'RE ALSO CREATING AND MAINTAINING SLIP
15 LANE ON THE 210 FREEWAY THROUGHOUT ALTADENA SO THAT WE MAKE A
16 SMOOTH ENTRANCE ONTO THE FREEWAY. AND I VERIFIED TODAY WITH
17 THE DIRECTOR OF CALTRANS THAT THE CALTRANS WORK ON THE 210
18 FREEWAY WOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE TIME WE -- CURRENT WORK IS
19 BEING COMPLETED BY THE TIME WE BEGIN THE PROJECT, TRUCKING FOR
20 THIS PROJECT, AS WELL.

21
22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND THEN, ONE LAST QUESTION. IN MY MOTION
23 IT SAYS A MAXIMUM OF 1.7 MILLION CUBIC YARDS.

24
25 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES.

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1

2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, IF, WHEN YOU'RE DIGGING, I MEAN, I
3 WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO PEOPLE, BECAUSE I KNOW THERE'S A
4 QUESTION OF 1.1, 1.4 AND NOW I'M AUTHORIZING 1.7 OR ASKING THE
5 BOARD TO APPROVE THAT. NO GREATER THAN 1.7.

6

7 **MARK PESTRELLA:** YES, UP TO 1.7.

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** UP TO 1.7.

10

11 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THAT'S CORRECT. THAT'S CURRENTLY THE LANGUAGE
12 WITHIN THE E.I.R.

13

14 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE UP TO
15 1.7. OKAY. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, AND I WOULD MOVE MY MOTION
16 WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S AMENDMENTS.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT'S BEFORE US AFTER
19 WE HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I THINK SUPERVISOR BARGER ASKED
22 MOST OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I WAS GOING TO FOLLOW UP ON, BUT
23 JUST ONE LAST. GIVEN THAT WE'RE REDUCING THE FOOTPRINT HERE,
24 HOW MANY TRUCKS -- WE'VE HEARD THE NUMBER 400. WHAT ARE WE
25 REALLY LOOKING AT REALISTICALLY NOW?

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2 **MARK PESTRELLA:** AGAIN, SUPERVISOR, THE E.I.R. CALLS FOR A
3 MAXIMUM OF 400 TRUCK TRIPS A DAY OUT OF THE BASIN. THAT'S
4 HEAVILY DEPENDENT UPON THE MATERIAL WE'RE HAULING AND OUR
5 EFFICIENCY. SO, THE HIGHEST EFFICIENCY RATE WE WOULD GET IS
6 400. THE TRUCK TRAFFIC WOULD BE SPLIT IN TWO DIRECTIONS, ONE
7 TOWARDS SUN VALLEY AND THE OTHER DIRECTION TOWARDS IRWINDALE,
8 BECAUSE THESE ARE THE LOCATIONS THAT WE'VE ACTUALLY LOCATED
9 FACILITIES FOR PLACEMENT OF THE MATERIAL.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** COULD YOU GIVE ME A NUMBER, THOUGH, WHAT
12 YOUR PROJECTIONS WOULD BE?

13

14 **MARK PESTRELLA:** I WOULD SAY THERE COULD BE A POINT IN TIME
15 WHERE WE WOULD BE RUNNING 400 TRUCKS IN A DAY. THERE ARE OTHER
16 TIMES WE WILL BE DOWN TO MUCH SMALLER NUMBER, BECAUSE THE
17 MATERIAL, IT WILL BECOME WET, AND WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE IT
18 AS QUICKLY. THE TRUCKS CAN ONLY LOAD SO MUCH, GIVEN THE
19 MATERIAL TYPES THAT WE'RE TAKING OUT OF IT. BUT WHAT UNDER THE
20 E.I.R. PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AND UNDER THIS RECIRCULATED E.I.R.,
21 THE NUMBER IS UP TO 400 TRUCK TRIPS A DAY.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WELL, HOPEFULLY YOU WON'T HAVE TO REACH THAT
24 NUMBER AND PREPARE ANOTHER PLAN WHERE WE CAN HELP PROVIDE
25 EASEMENT FOR THESE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE GOING TO BE IMPACTED.

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1

2 **MARK PESTRELLA:** RIGHT. I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS WE WILL WANT
3 TO LOOK AT WITH THE REDUCTION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT IS WHETHER
4 WE SPREAD THE AMOUNT. THE TIME WE DO THE PROJECT, RIGHT NOW
5 IT'S UP TO FIVE YEARS, THREE TO FIVE YEARS, FOR THIS PERIOD
6 THERE. ALSO, WE HAVE TO WORRY A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MOTHER
7 NATURE, BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN SOMEWHAT LUCKY OVER THIS PERIOD OF
8 TIME. WE HAVE NOT SEEN SIGNIFICANT RAINFALL. AND SO, IF WE DO
9 HAPPEN TO GET A BIG STORM SEASON, THERE WILL BE A VERY LIMITED
10 PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH WE WOULD ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO WORK
11 WITHIN THE BASIN TO REMOVE MATERIALS.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY
14 MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE WELCOME. QUESTION TO COUNTY
17 COUNSEL. THE DOCUMENT DELIVERED BY ONE OF THE GROUPS, THIS
18 MULTI-PAGE DOCUMENT, DOESN'T RISE TO THE LEVEL OF ANY CONCERNS
19 OR CONSEQUENCE IN TERMS OF LITIGATION OR ANYTHING OF THE SORT,
20 DOES IT?

21

22 **MARY WICKHAM:** MIKE SIMON IS GOING TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION FOR
23 YOU, SUPERVISOR. HE'S BEEN WORKING ON THIS PROJECT. HE'S A
24 LAWYER FROM MY OFFICE.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, PROFESSOR SIMON. THE
2 DOOR IS RIGHT BEHIND YOU. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT.

3

4 **MIKE SIMON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

7

8 **MIKE SIMON:** YOUR QUESTION WAS THE IMPORT OF THE, I BELIEVE,
9 112-PAGE DOCUMENT.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PRECISELY.

12

13 **MIKE SIMON:** THAT DOCUMENT IS VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WAS ALREADY
14 SUBMITTED IN COMMENTS TO THE E.I.R. I SUPPOSE THAT THEIR
15 ATTORNEY WILL SUBMIT THAT WHEN WE RETURN TO THE JUDGE TO
16 REPORT THE DECISION OF THIS BOARD, AND ASSUMING THIS BOARD
17 APPROVES THE MOTION, TO ASK FOR HIM TO RELEASE THE WRIT. IT'LL
18 BE DISCUSSED AT THAT TIME, BUT IT SHOULD HAVE NO FURTHER
19 CONSEQUENCE.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, AND PURSUANT TO THE
22 QUESTIONS THAT WERE RECENTLY RAISED ABOUT THE MAXIMUM
23 ALLOWABLE BY THE E.I.R., DOES THAT PRECLUDE THE MEMBERS OF THE
24 BOARD FROM RE-VISITING THE ITEM, PRESUMING THAT THE WORK
25 COMMENCES, AND TO ALTER THE WORK SCHEDULE AND THE FLOW OF IT

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1 AND THE IMPACT SHOULD THEY PRESENT THEMSELVES AS BEING
2 PARTICULARLY ONEROUS? MR. DIRECTOR?

3

4 **MIKE PESTRELLA:** IF I UNDERSTAND YOU CORRECTLY, YOU'RE ASKING
5 IF I NEED TO RETURN TO THE BOARD TO FURTHER WORK ON THE
6 PROJECT ONCE THIS APPROVAL OCCURS?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SUGGESTING.
9 SHOULD IT BE OBSERVED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, PARTICULARLY
10 THOSE DISTRICTS OR THAT DISTRICT THAT IS IMPACTED, DOES ANY
11 ACTION WE TAKE TODAY PRECLUDE SAID MEMBERS FROM COMING AND
12 SAYING THAT THIS NEEDS TO BE ALTERED, NOT THE E.I.R.,
13 OBVIOUSLY, BUT THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE? WE RESERVE OUR
14 RIGHT TO ALTER THE WORK SCHEDULE AND THE LIKE. IS THAT NOT
15 CORRECT?

16

17 **MIKE SIMON:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN, NOTHING THAT'S BEING DONE WOULD
18 PRECLUDE THIS BOARD FROM RE-VISITING, ESPECIALLY IF IT'S
19 WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE E.I.R. THAT YOU ARE NOW APPROVING,
20 WHICH IT SOUNDS LIKE IT WILL BE. IF YOU WANTED TO MAKE SOME
21 OTHER ALTERATIONS OR LIMITATIONS, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THERE MAY BE THINGS THAT CAN'T BE
24 CURRENTLY ANTICIPATED. AND WISDOM, PRUDENCE MIGHT DICTATE THAT
25 ADJUSTMENTS BE MADE. AND SO, THIS MEMBER OF THE BOARD

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1 SHOULDN'T BE SEEN AS HANDCUFFED, PER SE, WITH RESPECT TO
2 PROSPECTIVE DECISIONS. THAT'S ESSENTIALLY WHAT I WANTED TO
3 MAKE CLEAR BEFORE WE CAST A VOTE, AND SO THAT THE MEMBERS OF
4 THE PUBLIC WOULD APPRECIATE THE SAME. ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING MORE
5 TO BE DISCUSSED ON THIS ITEM? THE MATTER IS BEFORE US, AND
6 IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
7 SOLIS. IT IS AMENDED ACCORDINGLY. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS,
8 IT IS AMENDED ACCORDINGLY. AND IF THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL
9 REMARKS, SEEING NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.
10 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOUR HARD WORK ON THIS ITEM.
11 LET'S THEN PROCEED TO THE NEXT ITEM AT HAND.

12

13 **LORI GLASGOW:** THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE YOUR BOARD IS ITEM NUMBER
14 8. THIS IS REGARDING A SECURITY EVALUATION OF BIKE PATHS,
15 WALKING TRAILS AND PROMENADES. THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN. AND THERE ARE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
17 HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR?

20

21 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE TERRORIST
22 ATTACK THAT OCCURRED IN NEW YORK RECENTLY, I THINK, HAS PALED
23 NOW IN COMPARISON TO, UNFORTUNATELY, THE MURDERING OF 26
24 PEOPLE AS THEY SAT IN THEIR CHURCH PEWS ON SUNDAY. HOWEVER, IT
25 PROMPTED ME TO WANT TO THINK ABOUT OUR OWN BIKE PATHS HERE IN

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1 L.A. COUNTY. AS WE KNOW, THE SUSPECT RENTED A HOME DEPOT TRUCK
2 AND PLOWED THROUGH A CROWDED BIKE PATH ALONG THE HUDSON RIVER.
3 THIS TERRORIST ATTACK IN NEW YORK IS A REMINDER ABOUT THE
4 DIFFICULT CHALLENGE OF PROTECTING SO-CALLED SOFT TARGETS FROM
5 PEOPLE WISHING TO DO US HARM, ESPECIALLY WHEN THINGS AS COMMON
6 AS VEHICLES ARE BEING TURNED INTO WEAPONS. IN THE WAKE OF THAT
7 ATTACK, I WANTED TO TAKE A CRITICAL LOOK AT OUR OWN BIKE
8 PATHS. THAT'S WHY THIS MOTION WILL DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND
9 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO WORK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND
10 OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BEACHES AND HARBORS, PARKS AND
11 RECREATION AND SHERIFFS TO EVALUATE POTENTIAL VULNERABILITIES.
12 I KNOW THAT WE CAN'T PREVENT EVERY TRAGEDY. AND I AGREE WITH
13 OUR COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAFF THAT WE SHOULD
14 PRIORITIZE EVALUATING THE SAFETY OF CLASS I BIKE PATHS LONG
15 OUR BEACHES AND FLOOD CONTROL CHANNELS FIRST. I LOOK FORWARD
16 THE GETTING THIS REPORT BACK IN 45 DAYS THAT INCLUDES
17 RECOMMENDTIONS ON HOW WE HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN
18 IMPROVE SAFETY AND HOPEFULLY PREVENT A SIMILAR ATTACK FROM
19 HAPPENING HERE. I YIELD BACK.

20
21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

22
23 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** OR WHATEVER WE DO HERE. THIS IS A
24 CONGRESSIONAL HEARING, SO YOU ARE IN ORDER. THANK YOU. WE'LL
25 HEAR FROM THE SPEAKERS NOW.

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2 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
3 FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, AND STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU TO
4 THE SPEAKERS' WELL. JOHN WALSH, ERIC PREVEN, HERMAN HERMAN,
5 AND WAYNE SPINDLER.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

8

9 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OKAY. YES. SO, A GOOD MOTION BY THE HAHN. WE
10 SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CLOSE ALL BIKE LANES, ESPECIALLY IN THE
11 FOURTH SUPERVISOR DISTRICT. THEY'RE DANGEROUS. SO, LET'S CLOSE
12 THEM OFF, END ALL THE ROAD DIETS, STARTING IN MAR VISTA, GOING
13 ALL THE WAY UP TO CULVER BOULEVARD. CLOSE THEM DOWN. THEY'RE
14 TOO DANGEROUS. THE LAST THING WE WANT IS TO HAVE PEOPLE
15 DRIVING INTO BIKE LANES AND HURTING THOSE POOR LITTLE
16 BICYCLISTS. THE SOLUTION? I'VE ALWAYS HAD THE SOLUTION,
17 TALKING TO MY WONDERFUL BUDDY HERMAN JASON WESSON: GET RID OF
18 ALL THE BIKE LANES IN ALL OF L.A. CITY AND ALL OF L.A. COUNTY,
19 OPEN THEM UP TO TRAFFIC, AND THEN THOSE POOR LITTLE BICYCLISTS
20 WILL BE PROTECTED. AND THAT LEADS TO THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT
21 POINT, THAN IS TO GET RID OF MIKE BONIN IN THE 11TH DISTRICT
22 ALSO. SO IF WE COMBINE THE RE-CALL OF MIKE BONIN PLUS GETTING
23 RID OF THE ROAD DIETS AND BIKE THE LANES, EVERYBODY IN L.A.
24 COUNTY WILL BE SAFER AND MUCH MORE HAPPIER.

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WELL, IF WE'RE NOT IN FAVOR OF THE RECALL FOR
4 DISTRICT 11, MIKE BONIN, THEN WE SHOULD SHUT DOWN ALL BIKE
5 PATHS AND ALL AREAS WHERE THERE IS RECREATIONAL BIKE RIDING.
6 AS YOU SEE, IT'S UNSAFE. THE SAFETY OF EVERY HUMAN BEING IS
7 MORE IMPORTANT THAN A BIKE LANE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CITY, ALONG
8 THE OUTSKIRTS OF A CITY. AND I REFUSE TO ALLOW ANY MORE. AND
9 THERE SHOULD BE NO MORE PERMITS FOR EXCESSIVE
10 RECREATIONAL DRINKING. WHY? I'LL TELL YOU WHY. BECAUSE LOS
11 ANGELES AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS BECOME THE HIT-AND-RUN
12 CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. AND IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, READ ABOUT
13 IT. TWO INCIDENT OF BICYCLE INJURIES IN LOS ANGELES YESTERDAY
14 IN THE CLAIMS BOARD IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. GOTCHA, WAYNE.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DOES THAT END THE
17 NUMBER OF SPEAKERS WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW:** YES, MADAME CHAIR PRO TEM. NUMBER 8 IS BEFORE
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANY QUESTION OR
23 DISCUSSION FROM THE SUPERVISORS? SEEING NONE, MOVED BY
24 SUPERVISOR HAHN. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SEEING NO

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1 OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, PLEASE LET THAT BE RECORDED.

2 NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

3

4 **LORI GLASGOW:** THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE YOU IS AGENDA ITEM 29-B
5 REGARDING A HEPATITIS A VACCINE SUPPLY. THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY
6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, 29-C, REGARDING FIRST RESPONDERS'
7 ACCESS TO HEPATITIS A VACCINATIONS. THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY
8 SUPERVISOR BARGER. THESE TWO ITEMS ARE RELATED, SO SPEAKERS
9 WILL BE CALLED UP ONE TIME TO SPEAK ON BOTH ITEMS. AND THERE
10 ARE SIX SPEAKERS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M
13 HOPING THAT WE CAN DISPOSE OF THIS IN A WAY THAT RECONCILES OR
14 CAUSES THE C.E.O. TO RECONCILE THE TWO MOTIONS IN A WAY THAT
15 IS SATISFACTORY TO THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD. IT IS CLEAR THAT
16 WE ARE CURRENTLY FIGHTING A CRISIS IN L.A. COUNTY AND
17 NATIONWIDE, THAT IS HOMELESSNESS AND HEPATITIS A OUTBREAK
18 AMONG THE HOMELESS POPULATION IS YET ONE MANIFESTATION OF THIS
19 CRISIS. AND OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT,
20 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, OUTREACH
21 WORKERS, AND MANY OTHERS ARE THE ONES ON THE FRONT LINES OF
22 OUR FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS. AND WE MUST ENSURE THAT THEY
23 ARE PROTECTED. FOR THAT I THINK WE NEED TO BE COMPREHENSIVE IN
24 THOSE THAT WE DEFINE AS FIRST RESPONDERS. AND SO THIS INCLUDES
25 DOING EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER, EVERYTHING WITHIN OUR BUDGET,

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1 NOT UNLIMITED, BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF CAPACITY TO PREVENT THEM
2 FROM INFECTIONS, INFECTIOUS EXPOSURES SUCH AS HEPATITIS A. SO,
3 I'M PLEASED THAT PUBLIC HEALTH UNDERSTANDS THAT AND WILL BE
4 UPDATING US ON WHAT ADDITIONAL MEASURES WE SHOULD BE TAKING TO
5 DO THIS, AS WELL AS ENSURING THAT THE RESOURCES AND THE LIKE
6 ARE AVAILABLE. I WOULD WISH TO SUGGEST THAT THERE'S MORE WORK
7 TO BE DONE HERE. THE TWO MOTIONS LAY OUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET
8 WORK DONE. MIGHT I SUGGEST THAT IT BE SCRUBBED MORE THOROUGHLY
9 BY THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O., BRINGING THOSE THINGS TOGETHER
10 AND SHOULD IT BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO REPORT BACK TO THE
11 BOARD ON A PLAN FORWARD. THAT WOULD BE MY REQUEST WITH RESPECT
12 TO BOTH ITEMS. SUPERVISOR BARGER, I TAKE NOTE OF YOUR WISH TO
13 BE HEARD.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, AND THANK YOU,
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. YOU
17 KNOW, THIS CAME TO OUR ATTENTION THROUGH THE L.A.P.D. AND
18 WHETHER IT WAS A MICCOMMUNICATION, I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT
19 HAPPENED, BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ARE OUR
20 FIRST POINT OF CONTACT WITH MANY OF THE HOMELESS, ESPECIALLY
21 IN THE DOWNTOWN SKID ROW AREA. AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE
22 PROVIDE ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE
23 ADEQUATELY PROTECTING THEIR HEALTH AND THEIR SAFETY. AND MY
24 QUESTION TO YOU, DR. FERRER, IF YOU CAN COME UP, IS IN
25 SITUATIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, I HAVE PRIVATE INSURANCE. SO, IF I

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1 WANT TO GET A FLU SHOT, MY INSURANCE COVERS IT. WHY ARE WE NOT
2 COORDINATING OR ARE WE COORDINATING WITH KAISER, WITH HEALTH
3 NET TO ACCESS THE VACCINATION? BECAUSE MOST, I'M SURE ALL THE
4 L.A.P.D. OFFICERS AND ALL THE L.A.S.D., ALL OF OUR FIRST
5 RESPONDERS HAVE PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE. YOU KNOW,
6 ULTIMATELY, IT IS UP TO US TO ENSURE THAT THAT VACCINATION IS
7 AVAILABLE. AND, YOU KNOW, I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS EXPRESSED
8 CONCERN ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE SHOULD JUST MAKE IT AVAILABLE.
9 AND I DEGREE. WE HAVE THAT RESPONSIBILITY. BUT I THINK WE ALSO
10 HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE WE'RE COORDINATING WITH
11 THE INSURANCE PROVIDERS TO GET REIMBURSED WHEN POSSIBLE FOR
12 THIS VACCINATION, ESPECIALLY WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY
13 COVERED WITH THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY. SO, CAN YOU TOUCH
14 ON THAT, PLEASE?

15

16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** YEAH, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR CONTINUING
17 TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY ACROSS THE
18 COUNTY THAT'S AT RISK, WHICH IS A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE, HAVE
19 ACCESS TO VACCINE AND, IN FACT, ARE VACCINATED. AND WE WOULD
20 AGREE WITH YOU THAT THAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE
21 THAT PEOPLE WHO NEED TO GET VACCINATED ARE ABLE TO GET
22 VACCINATED. SO, WE'VE DONE A LOT IN WORKING WITH PRIVATE
23 PROVIDERS AS WELL AS WITH CITY OFFICIALS AND WITH SOME OF YOUR
24 BOARD OFFICES AND WITH THE LARGE COMMUNITY THAT SERVES THE
25 HOMELESS PEOPLE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PRIORITIZING AT-RISK

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1 INDIVIDUALS, AND THAT INCLUDES BOTH HOMELESS PEOPLE AND PEOPLE
2 WHO ARE ACTIVE DRUG USERS, MEN WHO ARE HAVING SEX WITH MEN,
3 AND EVERYBODY WHO IS IN SERVICE OF HOMELESS PEOPLE AND ACTIVE
4 DRUG USERS. AND WE DEGREE THAT MANY OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS
5 ARE, IN FACT, OUT THERE HELPING TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND MAY,
6 IN FACT, APPROPRIATELY NEED TO GET VACCINATED. AT THE VERY
7 BEGINNING WHEN WE ANNOUNCED AN OUTBREAK, WE DID A LOT OF
8 TELEBRIEFINGS AND A LOT OF REACHING OUT, TELEBRIEFINGS TO
9 UNIONS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, CITY MANAGERS, OFFICES OF EMERGENCY
10 MANAGEMENT ACROSS THE WHOLE COUNTY TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE
11 UNDERSTOOD THAT WE WERE HERE TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS BUT THAT
12 WHAT OUR SUGGESTION WAS WAS THAT FOR FOLKS WHO HAVE INSURANCE
13 AND A MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, BECAUSE WE HAD NEGOTIATED WITH
14 THE LARGER HEALTH PLANS, AND I WANT TO REALLY THANK OUR D.H.R.
15 OFFICE, BECAUSE THEY WERE VERY HELPFUL IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS,
16 THAT THE LARGER HEALTH PLANS WERE IN FACT OFFERING EXTRA
17 CLINICS WHERE PEOPLE COULD JUST WALK IN AND GET VACCINATED IF
18 THEY WERE AT RISK. AND ALL OF THE HEALTH PLANS AGREED NOT TO
19 CHARGE ANY COPAYS FOR THESE IMMUNIZATIONS. SO, IN FACT, WE
20 WERE, AGAIN, TRYING TO MAKE IT EASY. IF FOLKS FELT LIKE THEY
21 COULDN'T GET TO THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER OR DIDN'T WANT TO GO
22 TO THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, WE OFFER FREE VACCINATIONS AT
23 ALL 14 OF OUR CLINICS, AND WE ALSO ARRANGED WHEN FOLKS CALLED
24 US FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE WE WOULD GO IN AND ACTUALLY
25 DO A VACCINATION CLINIC. WE'VE DONE OVER 150 SEPARATE

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1 VACCINATION CLINICS ACROSS THIS COUNTY. WE'VE CONCENTRATED IN
2 MOST PLACES WHERE IT'S BEEN HARD FOR A GROUP OF EMPLOYEES WHO
3 ARE AT RISK TO GET INTO A CLINIC SITUATION. SO A LOT OF THE
4 SMALLER SHELTER PROVIDERS, THE SOUP, THE FEEDING PROGRAMS,
5 SOME OF THE STREET OUTREACH TEAMS THAT ARE INFORMAL IN NATURE,
6 WE'VE BEEN REALLY ACTIVE ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT THEY'VE BEEN
7 VACCINATED. BUT I WANT TO ALSO SAY THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED WELL
8 OVER 3,500 DOSES OF VACCINE AT THIS POINT TO FIRST RESPONDERS.
9 WE'VE DONE -- A LOT OF THAT HAS GONE TO THE COUNTY. WE'RE
10 WORKING RIGHT NOW TO SET UP WITH L.A.P.D. FOUR CLINICS. I
11 BELIEVE THEY START TOMORROW. THEY'VE IDENTIFIED DISTRICTS
12 WHERE WE CAN GO INTO THEIR BUILDINGS AND THEY'LL BRING LARGER
13 GROUPS OF PEOPLE THERE. WE'VE REACHED OUT TO THE FIRE CHIEFS
14 THAT ARE NOT WITHIN THE COUNTY SYSTEM TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY
15 EITHER HAVE HAD THE ABILITY TO GET THEIR FOLKS VACCINATED OR
16 THAT THEY NEED US TO HELP. AND AGAIN, WE'RE ALWAYS HAPPY TO
17 COOPERATE. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYBODY WHO HAS CALLED US AND
18 REQUESTED VACCINE OR SENT US A NOTE FOR A VACCINE THAT WE
19 HAVEN'T WORKED WITH TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE EITHER
20 VACCINATED THROUGH A PRIVATE PROVIDER OR THAT WE'RE THERE TO
21 HELP FILL THAT GAP. BUT WE REALLY HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING, WHERE
22 IT WAS POSSIBLE, FOR PEOPLE TO, OBVIOUSLY, WHO HAVE HEALTH
23 INSURANCE, BE ABLE TO GO TO THEIR PROVIDERS. SO AT THIS POINT,
24 I THINK OUR STRATEGY HAS WORKED. WE'VE EITHER DISTRIBUTED OR
25 ADMINISTERED OVER 18,000 DOSES OF VACCINE. ABOUT 13,000 OF

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1 THOSE DOSES HAVE GONE TO WHAT WE CALL AT-RISK WORKERS. SO
2 THOSE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING WITH EITHER HOMELESS PEOPLE
3 OR THEY'RE WORKING WITH ACTIVE DRUG USERS. AND WE WILL
4 CONTINUE. AND WE WERE REALLY OPEN TO YOUR SUGGESTIONS. AGAIN,
5 WHEN WE HEARD THAT THERE WAS AN ISSUE WITH THE L.A.P.D. UNION,
6 WE CALLED THEM AND REACHED OUT AND SAID WE'RE HERE TO HELP,
7 TELL US WHAT WE CAN DO TO BE HELPFUL, AND WE'RE HAPPY TO MAKE
8 SURE THAT FOLKS HAVE ACCESS TO VACCINE.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY, BECAUSE I REALLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE
11 THAT, AND FOR ME THE GOAL IS TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE HAS IT
12 AVAILABLE, ESPECIALLY WITHIN THE L.A.P.D. UNION MEMBERS WHO
13 HAVE APPROACHED AND BASICALLY WERE TOLD THAT IT WAS NOT
14 AVAILABLE. I THINK IT WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING.

15

16 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I THINK IT WAS, TOO.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WHETHER
19 OR NOT -- I MEAN, MY PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO GO WITH THEIR
20 PRIVATE INSURANCE SO WE CAN GET REIMBURSED, BUT HAVING SAID
21 THAT, THAT SHOULD NOT BE A DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT
22 OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET
23 IMMUNIZATIONS, CORRECT?

24

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1 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. I MEAN, OUR
2 FIRST CHOICE IS THAT PEOPLE DO USE THEIR PRIVATE PROVIDERS.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE DENIED IF
5 THEY CHOOSE NOT TO.

6

7 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** IF THEY CHOOSE NOT TO, AT THIS POINT,
8 WE'RE DOING -- THERE'S TWO OTHER AVENUES TO COME TO US. ONE IS
9 FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TRANSPORTATION, THEY CAN COME TO ONE
10 OF OUR CLINICS. IN THOSE SITUATIONS, LIKE WHAT WAS EXPLAINED
11 TO US BY L.A.P.D., WE'VE OFFERED TO RUN SPECIAL CLINICS FOR
12 L.A.P.D. AND WE'VE RUN SPECIAL CLINICS FOR OTHER GROUPS. SO I
13 WANT TO EMPHASIZE WE'VE DONE A LOT OF SPECIAL CLINICS FOR
14 FOLKS WHO ARE SERVING HOMELESS PEOPLE, BOTH TRYING TO MAKE
15 SURE WE'RE VACCINATING HOMELESS PEOPLE, BUT ALSO TRYING TO
16 MAKE SURE WE'RE VACCINATING THE STAFF. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH,
17 OBVIOUSLY, WITH L.A. CITY. WE'VE PROVIDED THEM, TO THIS DATE,
18 WITH 450 DOSES OF VACCINE THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH THEIR MEDICAL
19 DIVISION FOR SOME UNIQUE POPULATIONS. THEY HAD A GROUP OF
20 ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION WORKERS THAT THEY NEEDED HELP
21 VACCINATING, AND THERE WAS A GROUP OF FOLKS WHO COME INTO SOME
22 OF THEIR STATIONS WHERE THERE ARE HOLDING CELLS. SO, AGAIN, I
23 WANT TO JUST EMPHASIZE, YOU KNOW, WE'RE HERE TO BE OF SERVICE
24 AND WE'RE HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE AT-RISK POPULATIONS CAN
25 WORK WITH US TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO VACCINATE.

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1

2 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS, I THINK
3 OUTREACH AND I THINK COMMUNICATION IS VITAL. AND, REALLY, FOR
4 US TO KEEP THIS UNDER CONTROL, THAT OUTREACH AND THAT
5 MONITORING IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE CONTINUED. AND I WOULD ASK
6 THAT YOU PROVIDE US WITH WEEKLY UPDATES AS IT RELATES TO HOW
7 THE IMMUNIZATION ROLLOUT PROCESS IS GOING, AND INCLUDING OUR
8 COUNTY FAMILY, BECAUSE WE HAVE OUTREACH WORKERS WHO ARE
9 DEALING WITH THE MENTALLY ILL -- OR, NOT THE MENTALLY ILL,
10 WITH THE HOMELESS THAT ARE OUT EVERY DAY IN AREAS THAT COULD
11 BE COMPROMISING. SO, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE GET AN
12 UPDATE SO THAT WE CAN MONITOR IT AS IT RELATES TO THE ROLLOUT
13 OF OUR VACCINATION PROGRAM.

14

15 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE'D BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THAT.
16 SO, AND, AGAIN, I WANT TO ALSO SAY WE DID DELIVER TO EVERY
17 DISTRICT OFFICE A BIG BINDER THAT REALLY FOR YOUR DISTRICT
18 SHOWED WHO WE'VE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH IN YOUR DISTRICT AND
19 WHERE WE'VE ACTUALLY DONE OUTREACH EVENTS AND/OR VACCINATION
20 CLINICS. SO, WE DID SEND THAT OUT LAST WEEK, I THINK, TO EVERY
21 OFFICE.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
24 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MAY I NOW REMIND YOU WE ARE NOW AT 2:39
25 AND WE HAVE A CLOSED SESSION OF SOME CONSEQUENCE. THE

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1 SPEAKERS' LIST IS AS FOLLOWS: SUPERVISOR HAHN FOLLOWED BY
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THE CHAIR DID
3 RECOMMEND THAT THE TWO MOTIONS BE RECONCILED BY THE OFFICE OF
4 THE C.E.O. AND BRING THAT BACK TO US SO THAT WE'LL KNOW
5 PRECISELY WHAT IT IS WE ARE ADVANCING. FURTHER, WITH THE
6 RECOMMEND THAT WE RESIST DRIVING THE DETAILS UNTIL WE GET MORE
7 OF THAT FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR AND THE C.E.O. AND
8 THAT WE CAN RECOGNIZE THAT THE DEFINITION OF FIRST RESPONDER
9 IS BROADER RATHER THAN MORE NARROW, FIRST RESPONDERS ON THE
10 ISSUE OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, PARTICULARLY AS WE ARE MOVING
11 FORWARD WITH OUR NEW TEAMS OF ENCAMPMENTS AND SO FORTH WILL
12 INCLUDE HEALTH WORKERS AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, NURSES AND
13 OUTREACH WORKERS, ET CETERA. AND SO I THINK WITH ALL OF THAT
14 BEING THE CASE, WE REALLY DO NEED TO HAVE ANOTHER DRILLDOWN
15 THAT IS BEYOND WHAT THE MOTIONS SPECIFIED. BUT THE MOTIONS
16 EFFECTIVELY PROMPT FURTHER REVIEW, WHICH I THINK WE CAN
17 BENEFIT FROM. AND SO IF THAT WOULD HELP US WITH RESPECT TO
18 BEING PERHAPS LESS PRESCRIPTIVE AT THIS MOMENT, THEN I THINK
19 WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY. I RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HAHN,
20 SOLIS, AND KUEHL IN THAT ORDER.

21
22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND I WANT TO THANK
23 SUPERVISOR BARGER FOR WORKING WITH ME ON THIS MOTION. AND I
24 APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS, DR. FERRER. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,
25 IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT I WAS HEARING AND MY STAFF

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1 WAS HEARING. AND WHETHER OR NOT IT'S A COMMUNICATION PROBLEM
2 OR IT WAS JUST FLAT OUT SOMETHING ELSE WAS BEING TOLD TO OUR
3 FIRST RESPONDERS, THAT'S FOR ANOTHER DAY TO SORT OUT. AND I
4 DON'T WANT TO CHOOSE BETWEEN VACCINATING OUR HOMELESS AND
5 VACCINATING THOSE WHO WE'VE ASKED IN OUR FIRST RESPONDER
6 COMMUNITY TO BE THERE IN OUR HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS. BUT THE
7 FACT OF THE MATTER WAS THAT THE FIRST RESPONDERS CAME TO US
8 AND SAID THEY WERE TOLD THAT THERE WAS ONLY 100 VACCINATIONS
9 THAT WERE AVAILABLE TO THEM. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A SUPPLY
10 ISSUE. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A MONEY ISSUE. BUT I THINK THE
11 SECOND MOTION DEALS WITH THAT. BUT I'M GOING TO STAND ON THE
12 SIDE OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS. AND I KNOW WE WERE BICKERING A
13 LITTLE BIT. WE DON'T BICKER VERY MUCH UP HERE ABOUT WHETHER OR
14 NOT WE WERE GOING TO SAY HAVE ACCESS TO OR PROVIDE THE
15 VACCINATIONS. AND I THINK THAT THE NUANCE OF THAT, OF COURSE,
16 IS WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE GOING TO FORCE THEM TO GO TO THEIR
17 INSURANCE PROVIDERS TO DO THIS. YOU KNOW, WE WANT TO SORT ALL
18 THIS OUT IN SOME KIND OF REPORT BACK, OKAY. BUT WE'VE GOT TO
19 BE THERE WITH THOSE THAT WE'RE ASKING TO HELP US DEAL WITH OUR
20 HOMELESS POPULATION. WE'VE GOT TO BE AS CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR
21 PUBLIC SAFETY AS WE ARE THE SAFETY OF THOSE WHO ARE SLEEPING
22 ON THE STREETS. AND YOU'RE RIGHT. WHAT YOU HAVE DONE HAS
23 WORKED. WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE OUTBREAK THAT ANOTHER CITY HAS
24 SEEN. BUT THIS KIND OF, IN MY OPINION, PETTY RESPONSE TO
25 WHETHER OR NOT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ARE GOING TO FEEL

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1 COMFORTABLE IN GETTING VACCINATED WITH A HEP A VACCINE IS -- I
2 DON'T LIKE IT. I DON'T THINK WE OUGHT TO BE DEALING IN THAT
3 ARENA. LET'S FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO THIS. LET'S FIGURE OUT THE
4 RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE. I THINK WE ALL NEED TO DO A BETTER
5 JOB, AND IF YOU NEED ALL FIVE SUPERVISORS TO WORK ON TRYING TO
6 GAIN MORE VACCINATIONS FOR L.A. COUNTY, WE'RE WILLING TO DO
7 THAT. WE CAN USE, YOU KNOW, OUR POWER IN THAT WAY. BUT LET'S
8 NOT TRY TO MAKE SOME SORT OF A FALSE CHOICE OF WHO GETS
9 VACCINATED. THIS IS -- COULD BE A HUGE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.
10 IT HASN'T BEEN SO FAR. BUT LET'S SORT ALL THIS STUFF OUT, MR.
11 CHAIRMAN. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO DO, YOU KNOW.
12 ONE IS SUPPLY. BUT LET'S NOT MAKE OUR FIRST RESPONDERS IN ANY
13 WAY FEEL LIKE WE'RE NOT STANDING WITH THEM IN PROVIDING HEP A
14 VACCINATIONS IF THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE ASKING FOR.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** MR. CHAIR, CAN I JUST ASK FOR A
17 CLARIFICATION..

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU MAY.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** ..BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I WAS TOUCHING ON.
22 I MEAN, WHAT I HEARD FROM YOU IS THERE WILL BE NO BARRIER TO
23 ACCESSING IMMUNIZATIONS. THEY WILL BE EDUCATED. THEY CAN GO TO
24 THEIR PRIVATE PROVIDER. BUT IF THEY CHOOSE TO COME INTO ONE OF
25 THE 14 CLINICS, WE'RE NOT GOING TO SAY NO, CORRECT?

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1

2 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** WE'VE NOT SAID NO TO ANYBODY WHO HAS COME
3 INTO THE CLINIC, AND WE'VE ACTUALLY OFFERED TO L.A.P.D. IN
4 PARTICULAR TO ACTUALLY GO OUT TO THEIR SITES.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** BECAUSE I DEGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR
7 HAHN. IT SHOULD NOT BE. BUT I THINK THAT WE JUST NEED TO DO A
8 BETTER JOB OF OUTREACH COMMUNICATION, BECAUSE THERE ARE GOING
9 TO BE THOSE THAT ARE GOING TO CHOOSE THEIR PRIVATE PROVIDER,
10 AND THERE ARE GOING TO BE THOSE THAT -- I DON'T KNOW IF YOU
11 CAN GO TO A C.V.S. OR TO A --

12

13 **DR. BARBARA FERRAR:** YOU CAN.

14

15 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO, I THINK WE NEED TO A REALLY GOOD JOB
16 OF OUTREACH AND EDUCATION, BECAUSE YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT:
17 THEY ARE OUR FRONT LINE. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION AND A DUTY. SO,
18 I'M SORRY, MR. CHAIR.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT. YOU ARE
21 ACKNOWLEDGED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS THE FLOOR, BUT JUST A
22 MOMENT IF YOU WOULD. SUPERVISOR, MIGHT I SAY AGAIN, WE SHOULD
23 AFFORD THE C.E.O. AND THE HEALTH DIRECTOR TO SORT THROUGH
24 THIS, DISPENSE WITH THE "HE SAID, SHE SAID," EXPAND THE NOTION
25 OF FIRST RESPONDERS. MAY I SAY, COLLEAGUES, IT IS A MISTAKE TO

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1 SELECT ANY PARTICULAR GROUP OF FIRST RESPONDERS, ONE, AND,
2 TWO, ANY PARTICULAR CITY OF FIRST RESPONDERS. WE NEED TO BE
3 KIND OF COMPREHENSIVE IN OUR VIEW AND MOVE WITH SOME URGENCY
4 IN SO DOING. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, PLEASE.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I CONCUR WITH YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MY CONCERN
7 MORE IS IT'S TOO BAD THERE WAS MISINFORMATION PUT OUT THERE,
8 BECAUSE I THINK ALL OF US READ THE ARTICLE IN THE TIMES AND
9 SAW THIS ON OUR NEWS MEDIA THAT CAME BEFORE US. BUT HOPEFULLY
10 DRILLING DOWN ON THIS LATER IS, WHAT IS OUR SUPPLY? WHAT'S THE
11 COST? AND IF PEOPLE ARE COVERED BY THEIR INSURANCE, WHAT ARE
12 THE PROS AND CONS OF THAT? AND IF WE SAID WE'RE NOT GOING TO
13 DENY ANY FIRST RESPONDERS, THEN WHAT ARE WE APPORTIONING OUR
14 DOSES AT? WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE? THAT'S WHAT I CARE ABOUT.
15 AND I THINK THAT IF THERE IS SOME SENSE THAT WE MAY NOT HAVE
16 THE AVAILABILITY OF GETTING VACCINES, THEN WE HAVE TO THINK
17 ABOUT WHAT THAT IMPLICATION IS IN TERMS OF APPORTIONING OR
18 SETTING ASIDE. AND ESPECIALLY IF WE DO HAVE A CRISIS. SO,
19 THOSE ARE JUST MY THOUGHTS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I KNOW YOU GUYS
20 HAVE DONE A LOT. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SUPERVISOR
23 KUEHL.

24

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YEAH, I WANTED TO JUST THANK YOU BOTH. I
2 THINK THAT IN MANY WAYS, WHAT YOU HAVE SAID IS YOU AGREE WITH
3 US. AND YOU, IN YOUR ROLE, APPROPRIATELY, HAVE ALREADY
4 INITIATED MOST OF WHAT OUR CONCERNS ARE ABOUT. I SUPPORT THE
5 CHAIR'S SUGGESTION THAT WE ASK THE C.E.O. TO KIND OF ORGANIZE
6 THIS INFORMATION FOR US, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S GOOD FOR US TO
7 UNDERSTAND. MANY OF US DON'T UNDERSTAND WHERE DO THE VACCINES
8 COME FROM? ARE THEY LIMITED IN NATURE? LIKE L.A. COUNTY GETS
9 ONLY 25,000, BUT IF WE WERE TO GET AS MANY AS WE NEEDED, IT
10 WOULD BE 85,000. MIGHT THERE BE A COST TO THAT? AND WHAT IS
11 THE ABILITY OF OTHER ENTITIES TO BEAR THE COST OF IT, BECAUSE
12 WE COULD PROVIDE SHOTS, BUT MAYBE WE DON'T HAVE TO BUY THE
13 VACCINE. IT'S \$150 A SHOT. AND THAT'S PRETTY EXPENSIVE FOR US
14 WHEN THERE ARE ENTITIES THAT HAVE -- THAT ARE COVERED BY THEIR
15 INSURANCE. WE CAN SET UP A CLINIC AND GET THEM TO PROVIDE THE
16 VACCINE. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT REIMBURSEMENT. THAT MIGHT TAKE
17 ANOTHER YEAR AND GO INTO A WHOLE NEW BUDGET FOR OUR C.E.O. SO,
18 BUT I THINK IT'S GOOD TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION ORGANIZED FOR
19 US, BECAUSE SOME OF IT I THINK YOU CAN PROVIDE AND SOME OF IT
20 WE MAY NEED FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE. I, OF COURSE, SUPPORT THE
21 PUSH TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT FIRST RESPONDERS ARE INOCULATED, BUT
22 THE NOTION OF THE SANITATION WORKERS, ALL OF OUR MEDICAL
23 CLINIC WORKERS, I MEAN, THERE ARE A LOT OF COUNTY WORKERS. AND
24 REAL COUNTY WORKERS, NOT JUST L.A. CITY WORKERS, WHO REALLY
25 RELY ON US FOR SAFETY, AS WELL. MY FIRST PRIORITY HAS ACTUALLY

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1 BEEN OUR HOMELESS POPULATION THEMSELVES, BECAUSE THAT COULD BE
2 A REAL WILDFIRE EPIDEMIC WHICH WE WOULD NOT SEE AMONG OUR OWN
3 EMPLOYEES, PROBABLY, BECAUSE MOST OF THEM WOULD GET
4 INOCULATED. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WORK, AND I LOOK
5 FORWARD TO THE BRILLIANCE WITH WHICH YOU WILL APPROACH THIS,
6 C.E.O., AND TALK TO US NEXT TIME. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MADAME C.E.O., GIVE ME
9 AN INDICATION OF HOW MUCH TIME YOU MIGHT NEED IN ORDER TO GET
10 BACK TO US IN LIGHT OF THE URGENCY THAT'S BEING COMMUNICATED
11 BY THE BOARD.

12

13 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** WELL, I THINK THAT THE SECOND MOTION, 29-C, HAD
14 INDICATED 14 DAYS WITH SOME OF THE SUPPLIES. SO, WE WERE
15 ORIGINALLY, I THINK I HAD TALKED TO DR. FERRER BEFORE THE
16 BOARD MEETING, HOPEFULLY IT WOULD BE OKAY WITH THIS BOARD IF
17 IT'S STILL CONTINUES TO BE 14 DAYS FOR THE OVERALL, BOTH 29-B
18 AND C.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THAT CLARIFIES IT, 14 DAYS OR LESS.
21 OUR SPEAKERS NOW.

22

23 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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2 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
3 FORWARD WHEN YOU HEAR YOUR NAME? MARK CRONIN. JOHN WALSH, DR.
4 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN, HERMAN HERMAN, AND WAYNE
5 SPINDLER. PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SIR?

8

9 **MARK CRONIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
10 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARK CRONIN. I'M
11 A LOS ANGELES POLICE OFFICER. I HAVE 27 YEARS OF POLICE
12 EXPERIENCE. AND I'M A DIRECTOR AT THE LOS ANGELES POLICE
13 PROTECTIVE LEAGUE. FIRST, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND
14 BARGER FOR TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ENSURING THE POLICE
15 OFFICERS HAVE ACCESS TO THE HEPATITIS A VACCINATION. THE
16 LEAGUE STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE MOTION PUT FORWARD BY THESE TWO
17 SUPERVISORS, AND WE SEEK THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF ALL
18 SUPERVISORS TO ADDRESS THIS VERY IMPORTANT PUBLIC ISSUE FOR
19 US. LOS ANGELES POLICE OFFICERS INTERACT ON A DAILY BASIS WITH
20 HEPATITIS A HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS, SUCH AS HOMELESS
21 INDIVIDUALS AND THOSE WITH DRUG ADDICTIONS. IN DOING THEIR
22 EVERYDAY JOB, THESE OFFICERS EXPOSE THEMSELVES DAILY TO SOME
23 OF THE MOST UNSANITARY CONDITIONS IMAGINABLE, CONDITIONS THAT
24 ARE RIPE FOR HEPATITIS A TO FOSTER. THOSE OFFICERS DESERVE TO
25 BE SAFE WHILE THEY ARE ON PATROL AND SERVE IN THESE VERY TOUGH

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1 ENVIRONMENTS. AND THEY DESERVE TO KEEP THEIR FAMILIES SAFE AND
2 HEALTHY, AS WELL. UNFORTUNATELY, WE'VE ALREADY HAD ONE LOS
3 ANGELES POLICE OFFICER INFECTED WITH HEPATITIS A, BUT ONE IS
4 TOO MANY. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ENSURE NO OTHER OFFICERS HAVE
5 TO SUFFER THROUGH THIS COMMUNICABLE DISEASE. WE APPRECIATE THE
6 QUICK ACTION WE'VE SEEN FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LEADERS
7 SINCE BRINGING THIS ISSUE TO YOUR ATTENTION LAST WEEK. WE URGE
8 YOU TO VOTE YES ON THIS MOTION AND SEND A CLEAR SIGNAL THAT
9 KEEPING OUR POLICE OFFICERS AND OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS SAFE
10 WHILE THEY PROTECT OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY REMAINS A TOP PRIORITY
11 FOR THE COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
14 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. VERY GOOD MOTION. AND, AGAIN, JANICE HAHN
17 DOING THE GOOD JOB. AND, THAT'S RIGHT, INOCULATE EVERYBODY AT
18 COUNTY COST, YES. NO NEED TO GET TAPPING INTO YOUR OWN
19 INSURANCE. IN FACT, YOU COULD JUST TAKE AND PRELOAD A T.A.P.
20 CARD WITH \$700 FOR EVERY PERSON IN OUR PUBLIC SERVICE. AND YOU
21 COULD PUT THAT \$700 BUCKS ON THERE, LET THEM TAKE CARE OF
22 THIS. IF THEY DON'T WANT TO DO IT, YOU GOT THE \$700. YOU WANT
23 TO DO IT, GO TO C.V.S. WANT TO GO TO A COUNTY CLINIC, YOU GO
24 TO A COUNTY CLINIC. BUT JANICE IS RIGHT, BECAUSE I TALKED TO A
25 POSTAL WORKER IN LITTLE TOKYO AREA, AND SHE'S CONCERNED,

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1 BECAUSE SHE'S GOING AROUND DELIVERING MAIL ACROSS THESE
2 HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS. SHE'S AFRAID SHE COULD GET INFECTED, AND
3 SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. AND I TOLD HER ABOUT WHAT YOU
4 GUYS ARE DOING, AND SHE'S GOING TO SEEK IT UP. SO YOU NEED
5 PUBLIC INFORMATION, PUBLIC AWARENESS. THIS IS AN URGENT
6 FORTHWITH. AGAIN, GREAT JOB BY JANICE HAHN.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO, IF WE'RE LOOKING FOR AN URGENT FORTHWITH, I
11 THINK WE SHOULD REMEDY THE ISSUE OF THE OVERALL PROBLEM OF THE
12 C.D.C., COMMUNITY'S CONTROL REGARDING HEPATITIS. YOU KNOW,
13 JUST COMING UP OUT OF THE SUBWAY OFF OF SEVENTH AND ALAMEDA
14 THERE BY THAT NEW GRAND HOTEL, SEEING ALL THE HOMELESS PEOPLE
15 LYING ON THE STREET, SMELLING ALL THE URINE, SMELLING ALL THAT
16 DEFECATION FROM THE NIGHT FROM BEFORE, IT'S NOT JUST GOING TO
17 BE A ONE-MOP SITUATION. USING ANY TYPE OF CHEMICAL IS NOT
18 GOING TO JUST TAKE AWAY THE PROBLEM. THE PROBLEM IS TO ALLOW
19 PEOPLE TO SAFELY USE COUNTY RESOURCES TO GET THEIR
20 VACCINATIONS, WHETHER THEY HAVE INSURANCE OR NOT. LOOK AT SAN
21 DIEGO FOR AN EXAMPLE. SAN DIEGO IS THE EXAMPLE. EVERY DAY
22 THEY'RE OUT CLEANING AND HOSING DOWN THE SIDEWALK AND STREETS,
23 ESPECIALLY AT THE METRO STOPS. GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER AND CLEAN
24 ALL THOSE STOPS.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC
2 HEARING ON THAT ITEM BEFORE US. INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN
3 TO THE C.E.O.; THAT IS, TO CIRCLE BACK TO THE BOARD IN 14 DAYS
4 OR LESS, WE UNDERScore LESS, PROFESSOR JONES. WE CONSIDER THIS
5 ITEM TO BE ONE OF URGENCY. THEREFORE, WE MUST BEHAVE
6 PROACTIVELY. THE INSTRUCTIONS ASSUME THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 PUBLIC HEALTH WILL BE INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN THE WRITING OF
8 THE REPORT AND DETAILING WHAT WE NEED TO DO AS A RESULT. IF
9 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO THOSE INSTRUCTIONS, CONSIDER THAT
10 TO BE THE ORDER. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW:** THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE YOU IS ITEM A-7. THIS IS A
13 DISCUSSION ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATED
14 TO IMMIGRATION. THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND
15 THERE ARE THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
16 BOARD ON THIS ITEM.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR?

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. AS YOU KNOW, ON
21 NOVEMBER 6TH OF THIS YEAR, ACTING SECRETARY OF HOMELAND
22 SECURITY ELAINE DUKE ANNOUNCED THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S
23 DECISION TO TERMINATE T.P.S. THAT'S TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE
24 STATUS, A DESIGNATION FOR CENTRAL AMERICANS. IN PARTICULAR,
25 THIS DECISION THAT WAS MADE WOULD DISALLOW FOR FOLKS FROM

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1 CENTRAL AMERICA, PARTICULARLY NICARAGUA, FROM STAYING HERE
2 UNDER THAT STATUS. BUT I WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT BACK IN
3 1990, UNDER GEORGE H.W. BUSH, THE CONGRESS ESTABLISHED THIS
4 PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN IMMIGRANTS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND IT
5 WAS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT IF COUNTRIES WERE GOING
6 THROUGH, SAY, A NATURAL DISASTER, HURRICANES, LIKE HURRICANE
7 MITCH, IF THERE WAS CIVIL UNREST, WHICH HAPPENED IN EL
8 SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA AND OTHER PLACES, HAITI WAS ALSO
9 AFFECTED BY DEVASTATION, HURRICANES, THAT THIS STATUS WOULD BE
10 USED TO HELP PROVIDE WORK PERMITS AND THEY WOULD NOT BE
11 DEPORTED. FOR US HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IT'S A LARGE
12 NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE IMPACTED HERE: APPROXIMATELY 49,100
13 SALVADORANS, 5,900 HONDURANS RIGHT NOW LIVE IN THE STATE OF
14 CALIFORNIA UNDER THIS PROTECTED STATUS, AND IN LOS ANGELES
15 COUNTY ALONE, WE HAVE 29,000 SALVADORANS IN OUR DISTRICTS.
16 T.P.S BENEFICIARIES ALSO, PEOPLE SHOULD NOTE, THERE'S AN
17 ESTIMATED 273,000 SIBLINGS, CHILDREN OF T.P.S. HOLDERS. SO
18 THESE ARE CITIZENS FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, AND WE'RE
19 LOOKING AT AN ADMINISTRATION THAT WANTS TO TEAR THESE FAMILIES
20 APART. I'M ASKING TODAY THAT WE DO THE FOLLOWING, AND I WOULD
21 LIKE TO REQUEST THAT WE HAVE IMMEDIATE ACTION. SO I WOULD --
22 BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO MOVE QUICKLY IN THE
23 ADMINISTRATION BY MONDAY TO MAKE A DETERMINATION ON OTHER
24 POPULATIONS. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SEND A FIVE-

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1 SIGNATURE LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, TO THE COUNTY'S
2 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, THE SENATE, THE HOUSE LEADERSHIP,
3 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DENOUNCING THE
4 PERSONAL AND PRACTICAL IMPACTS OF ENDING T.P.S. IN NICARAGUA
5 AND ITS PENDING TERMINATION IN HONDURAS, HAITI AND EL SALVADOR
6 AND DEMANDING A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION FOR ALL T.P.S.
7 RECIPIENTS AND GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN AND ATTORNEY GENERAL
8 XAVIER BECERRA URGING ANY ACTION NECESSARY BY THE STATE OF
9 CALIFORNIA TO PROTECT T.P.S. RECIPIENTS. AND THEN, FINALLY,
10 DIRECT THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT OUTREACH
11 EFFORTS TO CURRENT T.P.S. RECIPIENTS AND TO ASSIST THEM WITH
12 EXPLORING OTHER FORMS OF IMMIGRATION RELIEF AND NECESSARY
13 RESOURCES. I WOULD ASK FOR IMMEDIATE APPROVAL.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.
16 IS THERE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENT OTHER THAN THOSE WHO WISH TO
17 BE HEARD BY WAY OF THE SPEAKERS LIST? MADAME EXECUTIVE
18 OFFICER?

19

20 **LORI GLASGOW:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
21 FORWARD? JOHN WALSH, WAYNE SPINDLER AND HERMAN HERMAN.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WOULD COME
24 FORWARD. THE CLOCK STRIKES 3. GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE. IT IS
25 MY ASSUMPTION THAT THEY ARE WAIVING. ALL RIGHT. EXCUSE US.

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1 WELL, ALL RIGHT. SHALL WE PROCEED? YOU NEED TO BE HERE TAKING
2 ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY YOU'RE AFFORDED TO SPEAK.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M COMING, SIR. BELIEVE ME. NOBODY TAKES
5 ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES QUICKER THAN I DO. I JUST WAS
6 TRYING TO APPRECIATE IT. FAIR ENOUGH. TURN THE MIC ON. LET'S
7 GO. ARE YOU READY?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I AM QUITE AWARE OF THAT.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SIR. IT'S ERIC PREVEN SPEAKING HERE ON
12 THE A-7 ITEM. AND A-7, AS EVERYBODY KNOWS, IS IN THE BACK OF
13 THE AGENDA, SO IT'S NOT ONE THAT IS -- IT'S THERE EVERY WEEK,
14 SO THERE'S A BUNCH OF THEM, A-1 THROUGH 7, I BELIEVE. AND
15 WHEREAS I DO APPRECIATE WHAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS WORKING ON --

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** DID YOU SIGN UP FOR THIS ITEM, MR.
18 PREVEN?

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** A-7, YES, I DID, SIR.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SO, WHAT ARE YOU COMPLAINING ABOUT?

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** SIR, ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO REVIEW YOUR ROLE ONE
25 MORE TIME?

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YES.

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4 **ERIC PREVEN:** PLEASE DO NOT INTERRUPT THE SPEAKERS. YOU LISTEN
5 TO THE SPEAKERS.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** OH, REALLY?

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** THAT WAS OUR HOPE. I MEAN --

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL, I'M GOING TO. I'M GOING TO.
12 BUT THE POINT IS --

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** LET'S BOTH SQUINT. GO AHEAD.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NO, LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY YOU GIVE
17 THE IMPRESSION THAT SOMETHING IS UNTOWARD GOING ON HERE. WE
18 ARE FOLLOWING THE RULES. YOU SIGNED UP. SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS IN
19 ORDER. COUNTY COUNSEL HAS OPINED THAT THE ITEM CAN BE TAKEN
20 UP. AND MY CONCERN IS THAT YOU GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT
21 THERE'S SOMETHING OUT OF ORDER HERE. IT IS NOT. AND YOU HAVE
22 BEEN AFFORDED THE TIME TO SPEAK. PLEASE SET MR. PREVEN'S TIME
23 ACCORDINGLY.

24

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SIR. AND HOW DID I DO AT LISTENING TO
2 YOU DURING THAT ONE MINUTE? I THOUGHT I WAS --

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU CAN DO MUCH BETTER. PROCEED.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU SEE? ONE OF THE CONCERNS WITH A-7, SIR, AND
7 THEY'RE ALL THE A ITEMS, IS THAT THIS IS NOT REALLY AN
8 EMERGENCY. IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS OF IMPORT, AND IT COULD BE
9 PUT ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK, BUT THE REASON -- I'LL JUST
10 MAKE IT INSIDE ONE MINUTE -- I'LL EXPLAIN WHY, IT'S OKAY TO
11 BRING IT UP AS AN AUDIBLE AS SHE DID, BUT IT SHOULD COME BACK
12 ONTO THE AGENDA SO THAT THE PEOPLE, THE 11 MILLION, I KNOW
13 THAT WE DON'T BOTHER ABOUT THEM, BUT THEY WOULD THEN AT LEAST
14 SEE WHAT WE'RE DOING AND THEN HAVE A CHANCE TO COME DOWN AND
15 SAY THAT'S A GREAT IDEA OR THAT'S A TERRIBLE IDEA. BUT WHEN WE
16 DO A-7 AND IT'S NOT COMING BACK ONTO THE AGENDA, WHICH I
17 DIDN'T HEAR MAYBE IT IS, AND THEN I CAN SIMPLY DISPENSE WITH
18 MYSELF, BUT I DIDN'T HEAR THAT AND THAT'S WHAT I WAS LISTENING
19 FOR. SO, THERE IT IS. THAT'S THE A-7 COMMENT FOR TODAY. HOPE
20 YOU HAVE A LOVELY AFTERNOON. AND NO NEED TO COMMENT OR
21 INTERRUPT. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL, NO NEED FOR YOU TO TRY TO
24 CONTROL MY REMARKS.

25

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU COULD NOT RESIST. AMAZING!

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THE POINT TO BE MADE IS THAT THIS
4 WAS ENACTED ON NOVEMBER THE SIXTH. MIGHT I REMIND YOU OF WHEN
5 NOVEMBER THE SIXTH WAS? WE INTERPRETED IT TO BE URGENT,
6 BECAUSE THEY ARE MOVING SWIFTLY AND PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE IN THE
7 BALANCE. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WE ARE QUITE IN ORDER TO ACT
8 IN THE INTEREST OF THOSE WHO WE DEEM TO BE OUR RESPECTIVE
9 CONSTITUENTS. AND THAT'S WHY IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY COUNTY
10 COUNSEL PURSUANT TO THE MOTION OF THE SUPERVISOR THAT WE
11 SHOULD TAKE IT UP AND ISSUE THE FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER. WE
12 THANK YOU FOR YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP US FURTHER ELUCIDATE.
13 ALL RIGHT? THAT CLOSES THE HEARING. THE MOTION IS BEFORE US AS
14 MADE BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? PLEASE
15 RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

16

17 **LORI GLASGOW:** AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR
18 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
19 BOARD ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
20 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD? WAYNE SPINDLER HAS REQUESTED
21 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON EVERY ITEM THAT HAS YET TO BE VOTED
22 ON. JOHN WALSH HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON EVERY
23 ITEM, AS HAS HERMAN HERMAN. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS
24 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 3 AND 21. AND ERIC
25 PREVEN HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 3, 4, 5,

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1 13, 14, 16, 18, 24, 25, C.S.-1, AND C.S.-3. THOSE ARE ALL THE
2 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE
3 CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, AND THAT WILL BE THE
6 EXTENT OF THOSE WHO ARE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY AS THEY HAVE
7 BEEN CALLED. MR. WALSH, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

8

9 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
10 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL TWEETING AT @HOLLYWOOD DEMS. YOU DO AN
11 EXCELLENT JOB HERE. OF COURSE, YOU ADHERE TO THE BROWN ACT.
12 OVER AT CITY COUNCIL, THEY VIOLATE IT, SO THEIR MEETINGS ARE
13 VERY, VERY SHORT. HERE, YOU ALLOW US TO SPEAK, AND I'M GOING
14 TO MAKE A GIFT OF 38 SECONDS TO YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER?
17 SEEING NONE, WE'LL PROCEED TO DISPOSE OF THE ITEMS. WE THANK
18 YOU FOR WAIVING. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PROCEED.

19

20 **LORI GLASGOW:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEMS 3, 4,
21 5, 13, 14, 15, 18, 21, 24, AND 25.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AS PROPERLY MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
24 SOLIS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SEEING NO OBJECTIONS,
25 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

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2 **LORI GLASGOW:** AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR
3 ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA THAT WILL BE PRESENTED OR
4 REFERRED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA BEGINNING WITH
5 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ANY SPECIALS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS? ANY
8 SPECIALS? SUPERVISOR BARGER? SUPERVISOR HAHN? SUPERVISOR
9 KUEHL? NO SPECIALS. LET'S PROCEED.

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW:** AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR
12 ADJOURNMENTS, BEGINNING WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ADJOURNING
15 MOTIONS?

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ADJOURNMENTS, YES. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I
18 MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD BRIAN LUNA. MR. LUNA
19 WAS BORN TO DORA AND JOE LUNA ON NOVEMBER 19TH, 1989 IN
20 MONTEREY PARK. HE PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 22ND AFTER A BATTLE
21 WITH AN ILLNESS. RICHIE HAD AN INFECTIOUS SMILE AND ALWAYS
22 BROUGHT JOY TO THOSE AROUND HIM. HE LOVED HIS FAMILY AND
23 ENJOYED DOING EVERYTHING WITH THEM. SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES
24 THAT RICHIE ENJOYED INCLUDING GOING TO DISNEYLAND, WATCHING
25 DISNEY MOVIES, GOING TO THE GROCERY STORE WITH HIS MOTHER,

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1 DORA, TAKING CARE OF HIS FATHER, JOE, SR. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
2 MOTHER AND FATHER, DORA AND JOE, SR. AND OLDER BROTHER JOEY,
3 GRANDMOTHER JOSEFINA AND TWO AUNTS, ANALIA AND MONICA. HE WILL
4 BE DEARLY MISSED. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
7 PLEASE.

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9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I MOVE THAT WHEN
10 WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AARON COHEN. HE WAS
11 BORN IN BULGARIA, WHERE HE WITNESSED THE NAZI OCCUPATION. UPON
12 ARRIVING IN THE U.S., HE WENT TO WORK FOR MARY PICKFORD,
13 CLEANING HER HOME FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. THAT WAS THE GENESIS
14 OF HIM BUILDING ONE OF THE LARGEST JANITORIAL COMPANIES IN
15 AMERICA. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SANDRA, AND HIS CHILDREN
16 ARYELL, DAVID, AND LEORA. I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE
17 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JANIS HANSEN KLINGER. SHE WAS THE VOICE
18 ON THE SERGIO MENDES AND BRAZIL 66 CELEBRATED HIT, "THE LOOK
19 OF LOVE." SHE WAS ALSO THE LEAD SINGER WITH A GROUP CALLED THE
20 CARNIVAL AND A MEMBER OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY'S SINGING GROUP
21 THE GOING THING. SHE HAD GREAT PASSION FOR PRESERVING OUR
22 FRAGILE PLANET AND TURNED HER BACKYARD INTO A LITTLE SLICE OF
23 EDEN WITH ORGANIC FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND MAGNIFICENT FLOWERS.
24 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND RICHARD AND HER SONS BRENDAN AND
25 PETER. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN

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1 MEMORY OF PAUL FERNANDEZ CAJERO. A T.V. PRODUCER, WRITER AND
2 DIRECTOR, HE HAD A 50-YEAR CAREER IN TELEVISION, BEGINNING HIS
3 CAREER AS ONE OF THE FIRST TOUR GUIDES ON THE UNIVERSAL
4 STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD STUDIO TOUR, THE SAME YEAR THAT I WAS UNDER
5 CONTRACT TO UNIVERSAL, AND WE HATED THOSE TRAMS, I'M JUST
6 GOING TO SAY, BUT I'M CERTAIN THAT PAUL WAS A LOVELY TOUR
7 DIRECTOR. HE JOINED THE DIRECTORS GUILD ASSISTANT DIRECTORS
8 TRAINING PROGRAM AND LATER SERVED ON THE PROGRAM'S BOARD. OVER
9 THE COURSE OF HIS CAREER, HE WORKED ON MORE THAN 30 T.V.
10 SERIES, INCLUDING MAGNUM P.I., SIMON & SIMON AND QUANTUM LEAP.
11 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MEG AND HIS DAUGHTER CHANNA AND HIS
12 BROTHERS MICHAEL AND NICK. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
13 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JANE ABBOTT ALEXANDER. SHE
14 APPEARED ON BROADWAY WITH TOM EWELL AND GENA ROWLANDS IN "THE
15 SEVEN YEAR ITCH" AND IN "FOUR TWELVES ARE 48," DIRECTED BY
16 OTTO PREMINGER. SHE TOURED THE SOUTH PACIFIC WITH THE U.S.O.
17 COMPANY PRODUCTION OF "KISS AND TELL." AFTER HER YOUNGEST
18 CHILD WAS BORN WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES, SHE BEGAN A LIFELONG
19 INVOLVEMENT WITH THE UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY/SPASTIC CHILDREN'S
20 FOUNDATION. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER DENISE AND HER SONS
21 DAVID AND NELSON. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MADELINE RUTH SCHWARTZ, ONE OF THE FIRST
23 SUCCESSFUL FEMALE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AGENTS IN LOS
24 ANGELES. HER REAL ESTATE CAREER STARTED IN THE EARLY '70S, AND
25 SHE WENT ON TO BECOME THE LEADING OFFICE SPACE BROKER IN THE

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1 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, BARRY,
2 MARK AND KAREN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE
3 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT MIRMAN. BOB OPENED WEST COAST TIRE
4 & SERVICE, WHICH BECAME A LARGE AND POPULAR COMPANY. SINCE
5 2016 HE'D BEEN INVOLVED WITH HIS SON AND THEIR CHARITY, DIVE
6 WARRIORS, A NONPROFIT THAT TEACHES DISABLED VETERANS TO SCUBA
7 DIVE AND TAKES THEM DIVING EVERY MONTH. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
8 CHILDREN, BRAD AND STACY. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUPERVISOR HAHN,
11 PLEASE.

12

13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
14 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JERRY -- LET ME GET
15 THIS RIGHT. JERRY CALIGIURI, WHO PASSED AWAY IN DOWNEY WHILE
16 PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL KIWANIS DIVISION
17 COUNCIL AS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR-ELECT. HE WAS A LONG BEACH
18 NATIVE. HE EARNED HIS DEGREES AT AT LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE,
19 CAL STATE LONG BEACH, AND CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS. JERRY WAS
20 A PASSIONATE COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND ALUMNI OF LEADERSHIP LONG
21 BEACH. HE WAS A LEGISLATIVE STAFFER FOR FORMER LONG BEACH
22 VICE-MAYOR VAL LERCH, FORMER COUNCILMEMBERS ROB WEBB AND JAMES
23 JOHNSON. CALIGIURI WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS
24 U.S.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, A COMMUNITY LIAISON TO THE LONG
25 BEACH AIRPORT, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

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1 OF SERVICE CLUBS, AND PRESIDENT OF THE DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB.
2 JUST THREE DAYS BEFORE HIS DEATH, CALIGIURI WAS HONORED BY THE
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY AS THE 70TH ASSEMBLY
4 DISTRICT'S MAN OF THE YEAR. JERRY WAS TRULY A PILLAR OF THE
5 LONG BEACH COMMUNITY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTERS ANNA AND
6 FRANCES. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN
7 THE MEMORY OF BRUCE KAJI, WHO PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 26TH.
8 BRUCE LIVED IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES UNTIL HE AND HIS FAMILY
9 WERE FORCED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER TO MOVE INTO AMERICA'S
10 CONCENTRATION CAMPS. HE WAS THEN DRAFTED INTO THE ARMY AND
11 BECAME AN INTERPRETER FOR THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL. AFTER
12 LEAVING THE ARMY, HE FORMED AN ACCOUNTING PRACTICE AND WAS
13 ELECTED GARDENA CITY TREASURER. BRUCE WAS POINTED BY MY DAD,
14 SUPERVISOR KENNY HAHN, TO SERVE ON THE NEWLY BUILT MARTIN
15 LUTHER KING JR. HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES. HE ALSO WORKED
16 WITH OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS TO PROTECT THE LITTLE TOKYO
17 REDEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, WHICH HE HELPED ESTABLISH. HE
18 HELPED ORGANIZE MERIT SAVINGS AND LOAN, AND HE PROPOSED THE
19 CREATION OF A JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM. BRUCE WAS
20 AWARDED THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL IN 2011, AND HE RECEIVED
21 THE ORDER OF THE RISING SUN AND THE GOLD AND SILVER RAYS FROM
22 THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, DR.
23 TROY, MIKI AND JONATHAN AND HIS EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. BRUCE AND
24 HIS FAMILY WERE GOOD FRIENDS OF OUR FAMILY FOR AS LONG AS I

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1 CAN REMEMBER, AND I KNOW MY DAD CONSIDERED HIM A FRIEND, A
2 HERO, AND SOMEONE WHO ALWAYS GAVE BACK TO HIS COMMUNITY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WITHOUT
5 OBJECTION. SUPERVISOR BARGER, PLEASE.

6

7 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
8 ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF SUSANA DOLORES HUSTON.
9 SUE HUSTON WAS BORN ON APRIL 18TH, 1931, TO FRANCES JANE AND
10 ALPHONSE WATSON OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. A SIXTH GENERATION
11 CALIFORNIAN, SHE WAS A DESCENDANT OF JUAN JOSE DOMINGUEZ, WHO
12 IN 1784 RECEIVED THE FIRST SPANISH LAND GRANT IN CALIFORNIA
13 KNOWN AS RANCHO SAN PEDRO. SUE LOVED PASADENA AND FELT BLESSED
14 TO HAVE LIVED IN THE SAME FAMILY HOME THROUGHOUT MOST OF HER
15 LIFE. SHE ATTENDED ST. ELIZABETH'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
16 GRADUATED FROM RAMONA HIGH SCHOOL AND LATER IMMACULATE HEART
17 COLLEGE. SHE VALUED AND MAINTAINED MANY CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS,
18 WHICH SHE CONTINUED TO MAKE THROUGHOUT HER LIFE. IN 1954, SHE
19 MARRIED THE LOVE OF HER LIFE, WILLIAM T. HOUSTON, WHO PRECEDED
20 HER IN DEATH IN 2011. BILL AND SUE WERE THE FIRST COUPLE TO BE
21 WED AT ST. BEDE'S CHURCH IN LA CANADA, WHERE BOTH REMAINED
22 ACTIVE MEMBERS. THE TWO WERE HAPPILY MARRIED FOR 56 YEARS. A
23 DEVOTED WIFE AND MOTHER, SUE REMAINS IN THE LOVING HEARTS OF
24 HER 8 CHILDREN AND THEIR SPOUSES AND 19 GRANDCHILDREN AND 1
25 GREAT-GRANDSON. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF

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1 RUTH GILB, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SIERRA MADRE, WHO PASSED
2 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. RUTH SPENT MUCH OF HER TIME GIVING BACK
3 TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ST.
4 RITA'S GUILD, ARCADIA METHODIST HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, THE
5 ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF PASADENA, NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE, AND
6 WAS A 40-PLUS-YEAR MEMBER OF ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF ARCADIA.
7 SHE WAS MARRIED TO FORMER MAYOR OF ARCADIA CHARLES GILB, AND
8 THEIR PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT WAS THE SUPPORT AND BUILDING OF THE
9 HERITAGE MUSEUM OF ARCADIA, WHICH BEARS THEIR NAME. RUTH OWNED
10 R.B.G. COLLECTION, A WOMEN'S DRESS SHOP ON SANTA ANITA AVENUE.
11 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, DENICE, MICHAEL, AND VALERIE.
12 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THOMAS BERNE, WHO PASSED
13 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. TOM DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO IMPROVING
14 SURGICAL PROCEDURES THROUGH TEACHING, PATIENT CARE AND
15 RESEARCH. HE ESTABLISHED A RENAL TRANSPLANT PROGRAM, PERFORMED
16 THE FIRST KIDNEY TRANSPLANT OPERATION AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C.
17 MEDICAL CENTER, AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING ITS LEVEL
18 1 TRAUMA CENTER. HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF SEVERAL SURGICAL
19 SOCIETIES, INCLUDING THE PACIFIC COAST SURGICAL AND WESTERN
20 SURGICAL ASSOCIATIONS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CYNTHIA,
21 AND HIS CHILDREN SUSAN, KATIE AND JOHN. AND LAST, I MOVE THAT
22 WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF DAPHNE E. MILLER MYRANN, A
23 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO PASSED AWAY AT
24 THE AGE OF 96. SHE WAS A WOMAN OF FIRSTS, ONE OF THE FIRST TO
25 WORK AT THE POLARIS FLIGHT ACADEMY, THE FIRST SECRETARY AT THE

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1 LANCASTER SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND THE FIRST SECRETARY AT
2 PALMDALE REGIONAL AIRPORT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO
3 CHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT WILL
6 BE THE ORDER. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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8 **LORI GLASGOW:** AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR
9 PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE
10 PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE
11 WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THIS BOARD. WOULD
12 THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
13 NAME? JAMES ESSEX, JOHN WALSH, WAYNE SPINDLER, HERMAN HERMAN,
14 RED CHIEF HUNT, IRIS ROBLEDO, AND ERIC PREVEN.

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16 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SIR. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
17 DISTRICT AND HERE IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I HAD A QUICK
18 QUESTION, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE APPROPRIATE TERM IS, BUT
19 MAYBE IT'S LIKE A WELFARE CHECK, BUT HAS ANYBODY SEEN ARNOLD
20 SACHS?

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22 **JOHN WALSH:** WHO CARES

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S BEEN SEVERAL MONTHS. OKAY. BUT I JUST
2 THOUGHT IT'S A LITTLE STRANGE THAT HE'S BEEN GONE FOR SO MANY
3 WEEKS.

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5 **JOHN WALSH:** HE DIED, DIDN'T HE?

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7 **ERIC PREVEN:** I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. THAT'S WHY I'M
8 ASKING. BUT, ANYWAY, THAT IS JUST SOMETHING THAT I TOOK NOTE
9 OF. OKAY. WHAT I'VE ALSO TAKEN NOTE OF IS THAT THE LOS ANGELES
10 NEWSPAPER, THERE ARE SEVERAL, BUT THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, THE
11 DAILY NEWS, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES HAS REDEPLOYED THE COUNTY
12 BEAT REPORTER, AND I WOULD ASK THAT THE EDITORIAL TEAM RETHINK
13 THE IDEA OF SKIPPING THE COUNTY BEAT, BECAUSE IT IS AN
14 IMPORTANT BEAT. AND I WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO THE DAILY NEWS,
15 BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A VERY GOOD BEAT REPORTER FROM THE DAILY
16 NEWS WHO DOES WRITE ABOUT THE COUNTY, AND I OMITTED THAT IN MY
17 EARLIER COMMENTS. I WANTED TO JUST SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.
18 IT'S ALSO WORTH NOTING THAT THERE'S A PUBLICATION THAT
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL READS CALLED LA-IST, WHICH IS NO LONGER BEING
20 PUBLISHED AND A UNION BILLIONAIRE-BUSTING GUY, YOU KNOW, IS
21 NOT PUBLISHING IT TO BE PETTY. IT'S VERY STRANGE. SOMEONE
22 MAYBE WILL BUY IT. WE DON'T KNOW. BUT I THINK IT RAISES SOME
23 IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT LOS ANGELES. THERE'S ALSO NEWS,
24 FINALLY, ONE MORE FINAL POINT, THAT THE L.A. TIMES ITSELF IS
25 USING SOMETHING CALLED CITY NEWS SERVICE. SOME OF YOU KNOW

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1 ELIZABETH -- AND THERE ARE SOME GOOD REPORTERS WHO COVER
2 DIFFERENT KIND OF NEWS AND DON'T GO INTO THE SAME DEPTH.
3 THEY'RE NOW BEING FEATURED UNDER THE L.A. TIMES BANNER, WHICH
4 IS OF CONCERN. SO WHERE IS MR. LEVINSOHN, AND THAT'S THE NEW
5 OWNER OF THE L.A. TIMES, AND WHAT IS THE PLAN, BECAUSE IF THE
6 PLAN IS TO SEND REPORTERS WHO COVER LOS ANGELES TO NEW YORK OR
7 THE EAST COAST TO COVER TRUMP BECAUSE THEY GET A LOT OF CLICKS
8 AND THAT'S WHAT, WHERE THE BUSINESS IS GOING, BUT WE ARE, WITH
9 ALL DUE RESPECT, SCREWED, BECAUSE PART OF THE FOURTH ESTATE IS
10 TO COVER THE IMPORTANT SEATS OF GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THIS
11 ONE, AND THAT'S WHY I RAISE IT WITH SOME CONCERN. I LOOK
12 FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE AT SOME OTHER TIME, SIR.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
15 PLEASE.

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17 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
18 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL. WE HAD A BIG WORLD SERIES. NOW YOU UP HERE
19 DIDN'T SPEND ANY MONEY ON A VICTORY CELEBRATION. GREAT, SINCE
20 THERE WAS NO VICTORY. OVER THERE AT CITY COUNCIL, THEY SPENT
21 ABOUT \$35,000 MINIMUM ON A GIGANTIC STAGE AND LIGHTS AND
22 EVERYTHING. THE MONEY WAS WASTED. WE DON'T KNOW WHO AUTHORIZED
23 THE MONEY. NO ONE WILL SAY WHO IT IS, WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR
24 AUTHORIZING 35,000 MINIMUM FOR A BIG CELEBRATION FOR SOMETHING
25 THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN, THE DODGERS WORLD SERIES VICTORY. AND NOW

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1 THE MAYOR, HE DOESN'T SPEAK ENGLISH ANYMORE. HE SAYS HE DIDN'T
2 DO IT. NO ONE OVER THERE AUTHORIZED THE MONEY. I WANT THE
3 COUNTY COUNSEL TO DO AN INVESTIGATION OF WHO AUTHORIZED THE
4 \$35,000 TO \$50,000 THAT WAS SPENT. AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT
5 THAT MONEY, SOME OF WHICH IS FEDERAL MONEY, FEDERAL MONEY WAS
6 SPENT, YOUR TAXPAYERS. IT DIDN'T APPEAR IN THE TIMES, BECAUSE
7 THEY ARE HOOKED IN WITH THE MAYOR. IT DIDN'T APPEAR ANYPLACE.
8 BUT WE KNOW RIGHT NOW THAT THE MONEY WAS SPENT, TENS OF
9 THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, ON A CELEBRATION FOR THE LOSERS. THEY
10 DECIDED NOT TO DO IT. IT TOOK OVER A DAY TO DISMANTLE THE
11 GIGANTIC STAGE FOR THE DODGERS VICTORY. THERE WAS NO DODGER
12 VICTORY. AND THEY'RE KEEPING IT QUIET. AND THE MONEY BELONGS
13 TO US, THE COUNTY TAXPAYERS.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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17 **IRIS ROBLEDO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS IRIS ROBLEDO. I'M A -
18 - SERVICE OFFICER. I WORK FOR L.A. COUNTY PROBATION. AND I AM
19 BEING FORCED TO DEMOTE BECAUSE OF AN INJURY THAT OCCURRED AT
20 THE JOB. AND I WANT TO KNOW WHY AM I BEING FORCED TO DEMOTE? I
21 HAVE BEEN TRYING TO PROMOTE FOR MANY YEARS, AND THE DEPARTMENT
22 CONTINUES TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ME. I ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN
23 RELEASED TO FULL CAPACITY AND THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO DENY
24 ME TO GO BACK TO FULL CAPACITY. THEY ARE NOT RESPECTING MY NEW
25 DOCTOR'S RECOMMENDATION CERTIFICATE, AND I WANT TO KNOW WHY AM

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1 I BEING FORCED TO DEMOTE WHEN I'M ABLE TO GO BACK TO WORK TO
2 FULL CAPACITY?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. DO
5 YOU WISH TO BE HEARD? SHE CONCLUDED HER REMARKS.

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7 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OH, OKAY. SHE WAS WAITING FOR YOUR RESPONSE.
8 AND THAT'S WHAT IT IS. ONE THING I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO DO,
9 YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF IT. AND YOU DO TAKE CARE OF STUFF
10 LIKE THIS. BUT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, YOUR LARGEST CITY
11 CONSTITUENCY, IS NOT DOING THAT. FRONT PAGE OF THE DAILY NEWS,
12 BIG SCANDAL, UP IN VAN NUYS, THEY'RE UNDERREPORTING CRIMES,
13 MISCLASSIFYING CRIMES, TRYING TO FALSELY LOOK LIKE THE STATS
14 ARE BETTER WHEN THEY'RE WORSE. THE VERY BRAVE LADY, CAPTAIN
15 WHO WAS NOT PROMOTED, SHE'S SUING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
16 ANOTHER MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR WHISTLEBLOWER DISCRIMINATION IN
17 THE L.A.P.D. L.A.P.D. NEEDS TO HAVE A CONSENT ORDER AND A
18 CONSENT DECREE REISSUED AGAINST THEM. AND THIS TIME I WANT
19 JACKIE LACEY TO LEAD THAT. I WANT JACKIE LACEY TO GO IN AND
20 CLEAN UP THE L.A.P.D., BECAUSE SHE KNOWS SHE'S GOING TO NEED
21 TO. WHEN A LATINA WORKING THERE 23 YEARS WITH A SPOTLESS
22 RECORD HAS TO GET RETALIATED AGAINST, ENOUGH'S ENOUGH.
23 FINALLY, WE WANT OUR \$2 MILLION BACK IN VAN NUYS FOR POLICE
24 SERVICES. THEY STOLE IT FROM US IN RETALIATION FOR
25 WHISTLEBLOWER. VAN NUYS, WE NEED THE MONEY BACK.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

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4 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO, LIKE THE INFAMOUS DANNY BAKEWELL OF THE
5 SENTINEL, WHY CAN'T HE GIVE BACK THE \$3 MILLION THAT HE STOLE?
6 \$3 MILLION THAT CAN GO FOR THE EFFORT OF CLEANING UP COMPTON
7 AND PROVIDING HEALTH SERVICES, SUCH AS WE TALKED ABOUT THOSE
8 SO-CALLED HEPATITIS ISSUES. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WHY WOULD THE
9 CITY OF LOS ANGELES SPEND UNCLOSED AMOUNT OF DOLLARS FOR A
10 STAGED AREA FOR THE DODGERS? DID THEY NOT GET IT? IT WAS
11 H.H.H., HOUSTON THAT TOOK THE SERIES. IT WAS H.H.H., HOUSTON
12 THAT SPENT THOUSANDS TO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR FOOD, BOOZE,
13 AND A GOOD WAY OF HAVING A GREAT WORLD SERIES. SO PAY BACK ALL
14 THAT MONEY YOU STOLE FROM US, ERIC GARCETTI, THE PHONY MAYOR
15 WHO CAN'T WORK FOR 300-PLUS DAYS, BECAUSE THAT'S THE REASON
16 WHY YOU CAN'T RUN FOR CONGRESS. YOU'RE A BIG LOSER.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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20 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THE RED CHIEF HUNT ON THE RECORD, YOU GUYS.
21 FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU GUYS FOR DOING A GOOD
22 JOB, JUST LIKE JOHN WALSH SAID, THAT YOU GUYS ARE A FAR CRY
23 FROM CITY HALL TO ACTUALLY THIS COUNCIL RIGHT HERE. I WANT TO
24 THANK YOU GUYS FOR WORKING WITH MY ADMINISTRATION, THE RED
25 CHIEF HUNT ADMINISTRATION. THEY COME A LONG WAYS, AND THEY

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1 STILL HAVE A LONG WAYS TO GO, BUT PATIENCE IS THE KEY. ONE OF
2 THE THINGS I WANT TO SAY WITH THIS MEETING, IT'S SO LONG. I
3 THINK YOU GUYS SHOULD TAKE A LUNCH BREAK. I MEAN FROM 9
4 O'CLOCK TO 3 O'CLOCK OR 9 O'CLOCK TO 4 O'CLOCK, I THINK THAT
5 WE SHOULD HAVE A LUNCH BREAK IN BETWEEN. I THINK THAT WOULD
6 CALM A LOT OF PEOPLE'S NERVES AND THINGS LIKE THAT. BUT SO
7 FAR, YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB. KEEP UP THE GOOD
8 WORK. KATHLEEN AUSTRIA HAS HELPED ME. JANICE HAHN, YOU'RE
9 ALWAYS GREAT. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. MARK, KEEP UP THE GOOD
10 WORK AND KEEP UP THE GOOD COUNSEL. THANK YOU. THE RED CHIEF
11 HUNT.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I THINK THAT CONCLUDES
14 THE SPEAKERS. WE HAVE ONE MORE SPEAKER. YES, SIR. PLEASE COME
15 FORWARD.

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17 **JAMES ESSEX:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU.

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21 **JAMES ESSEX:** JAMES ESSEX.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

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1 **JAMES ESSEX:** GARDENA, DISTRICT 2. I LIKE WHAT YOU GUYS DO. I
2 LIKE TO SORT OF REWARD YOU WITH A JOKE WHENEVER I CAN. THE TWO
3 TECTONIC PLATES BUMPED, AND ONE SAYS, "SORRY, MY FAULT." IT'S
4 NOT THAT GOOD. ANYWAY, I HAVE SO MUCH RESPECT AND LOVE FOR
5 YOU. I FEEL THE LOVE THAT I GET WHEN I SPEAK TO YOU. AND I'VE
6 WRITTEN A LITTLE HAIKU THAT HAS TO DO WITH MY FAMILY. MY
7 GRANDMOTHER'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME. SO I'LL SING IT TO YOU AS
8 I GO ALONG HERE. IT GOES LIKE THIS. DEAR GRANDMA GLADYS,
9 MOTHER MARGARET, AMELIA EARHART, JOAN OF ARC. THIS REPRESENTS
10 THE FEMININE PRINCIPLE WE WERE TALKING ABOUT A WHILE AGO. I
11 WAS THINKING ABOUT, WHAT'S HIS NAME, MARK TWAIN. HE SAID IN
12 THE WEST, WHISKEY IS FOR DRINKING AND WATER IS FOR FIGHTING
13 OVER. AND IN THIS SITUATION, WE HAVE A PLETHORA OF WATER. WE
14 HAVE FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF WATER. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL THING.
15 AND THEN WE HAVE THE FIRE, THE FIRE ELEMENT, WHICH IS
16 REPRESENTED BY YOU, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, SO WELL. SO I HAVE A
17 LITTLE SONG FOR YOU. IT GOES LIKE THIS, TOO. BUSTER KEATON,
18 WINSTON CHURCHILL, MUHAMMAD ALI, HUMPHREY BOGART. AND YOU
19 BRING THIS ENERGY TOGETHER, THIS IS SORT OF LIKE.. I'M LOSING
20 MY TRAIN, BECAUSE, ANYWAY. YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY. AND I
21 SURE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME HERE AND SPEAK BEFORE
22 YOU.
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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. ESSEX.
2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF
3 YOU WOULD?

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5 **LORI GLASGOW:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
6 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
7 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER C.S.-1,
8 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, INTERVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES
9 FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PLANNING; ITEM NUMBER C.S.-2,
10 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; AND ITEM NUMBER C.S.-
11 3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS SACHI A. HAMAI AND
12 DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2017

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5 CS-1. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

6 (Government Code Section 54957 (b)(1))

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8 Interview and consideration of candidate(s) for the position of
9 Director of Planning. (17-3767)

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11 **No reportable action was taken.**

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14 CS-2. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

15 (Government Code Section 54957)

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17 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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19 **No reportable action was taken.**

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22 CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

23 (Government Code Section 54957.6)

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25 Agency designated representatives: Sachi A. Hamai, Chief
26 Executive Officer and designated staff

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28 Unrepresented employees (all). (13-4431)

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30 **No reportable action was taken.**

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